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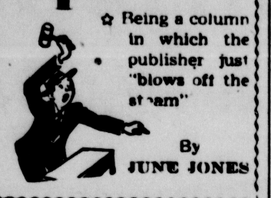
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By JUNE JONES

MERRY CHRISTMAS is our sincere greeting to both of the readers of this column!

Merry Christmas everywhere—
Up the chimney, on the stair;
Listen to the joyful sound—
Merry Christmas! all around.
Here it comes and there it goes,
Inthe house and out of doors
Such a boist'rous hullabaloo—
When in the world can a person do
But join the jolly Christmas crew,
Made up of folks like me and you
And holler—
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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SOME QUOTES from some famous writers of old make timely reading:

But Christmas is not only the mile-mark of another year, moving up to thoughts of selfiexaminaton . . . it is a season, from all its associations whether domestic or religious, suggesting thoughts of joy. A man dissatisfied with his endeavors is a man tempted to sadness. And in the midst of winter, when life runs lowest, and he is reminded of the empty chairs of his beloved, it is well that he should be condemned to this fashion of the smiling face.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Do your very best, and rejoice with him who can do better.—Emerson.

It is only those who do not know how to work that do not love it. To those who do, it is better than play . . . it is religion.—J. H. Patterson.

Happiness grows at our own fireside, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens.—Douglas Jerrold.

No man is in true health who cannot stand in the free air of heaven, with his feet on God's free turf, and thank the Creator for the simple luxury of physical existence.—T. W. Higgison.

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.—John Ruskin.

When you encounter stumbling stones along the way, step on them and go ahead.

Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.—Phillips Brooks.

Success does not depend so much upon external help as on self-reliance.—Abraham Lincoln.

Labor to keep alive within your breast that little spark of celestial fire we know as conscience.—Washington.

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COOPERATION and team work are the secret to almost all successes. An anonymous poet put it this way:

All have a share in the beauty,
All have a part in the plan.
What does it matter what duty
Falls to the lot of man?
Someone has blended the plaster,
And someone has carried the stone;
Neither the man nor the master
Ever has builded alone.
Making a roof from the weather,
Or building a house for the king,
Only by working together
Have men accomplished a thing!

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Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo.—H. G. Wells.

Firemen and Other Groups to Present Gifts to Kids, Needy

Annual Christmas gestures of several civic groups and others that every year make scores of youngsters and needy families of the Hamlin community happy were being shaped for this weekend.

Members of the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department, who each year recently have staged various Christmas programs and donations to the needy, have scheduled their free picture show and gifts for some 500 kids of the community this (Friday) afternoon at the Ferguson Theater Besides the free one hour and 20-minute show the firemen will give special treat bags containing candy, fruit, nuts and a balloon to kids who attend the show, which begins at 1:00 o'clock. Mrs. B. S. Ferguson and her staff at the theater are donating their facilities and services.

The Hamlin Lions Club is giving several baskets of food to some needy families in the community. Numbers of women's clubs, Sunday School Classes and other groups also are remembering needy families and children with treats.

Jon Adams Member of Square Dance Winner

Jon Adams of Hamlin, senior student at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, was a member of the eight-dancer Campus Cut-Ups square dance team that recently won a $500 cash award for their performance on a district contest sponsored by a Lubbock TV station.

Young Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adams Sr. of Hamlin, participated in a dance against a team from Brownfield for top honors.

High School Tennis Players Enter Tourney

Six members of the Hamlin High School tennis team and their coach leave Wednesday to participate next week-end in the world's largest tournament of its kind at El Paso. Representatives of hundreds of high schools over Texas are due to attend the contests.

Boys making the trip for the senior division of players were Ted Wright, Perry Davis and Bill Everton. Playing in the junior division will be Don Hicks Don Shivers and Lance Carmichael.

Coach Doyle Smith expressed opinion Wednesday morning that he was expecting a good showng by the Hamlin crew at the tournament

RETURNS FROM DALLAS.

Mrs. Ed Bailey returned Monday from Dallas, where she had been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Connelly, who has been seriously ill in a Dallas hospital.

Hazards of Driving at Christmas Are Increased, Safety Officials Point Out

"Don't wreck your Christmas celebration with a traffic accident!

This plea was made to drivers of Hamlin and the rest of Texas this week by E. C. McFadden of Dallas, president of the Texas Safety Association, as he urged them to support the current holiday hazards program of the Texas Safety Association, the Department of Public Safety and the National Safety Council.

"Christmas falls on Sunday this year, which means that many people will make a holiday weekend trip to visit out-of-town relatives," McFadden said. "Such a trip can become a sad journey if the driver relaxes his vigilance for a moment."

He said that the main hazards likely to threaten a holiday motor trip are: Inclement weather that makes visibility poor and roadways treacherous; more hours of darkness; and the holiday mood which is likely to make drivers less alert than usual.

He offered these rules for a safe trip:

1. Plan your trip so that as much of the driving as possible will be accomplished during the light hours of the day.

2. Postpone your trip entirely when the weather is particularly rainy, snowy or when sleet and hail are in the weather forecast. Be sure to consult a weather forecast for the area to which you're driving.

3. Be certain your car is in top mechanical condition before attempting to take any sort of a trip.

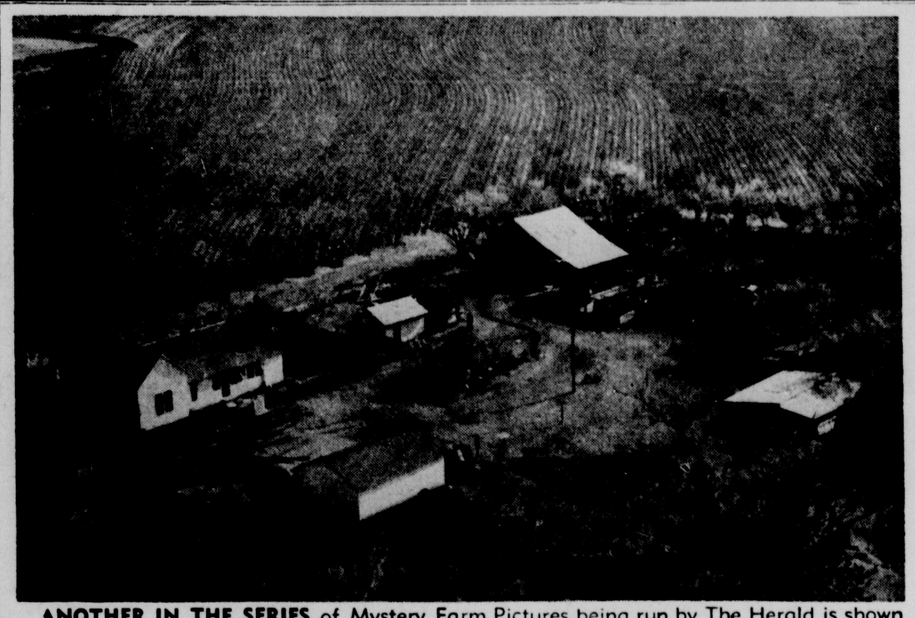
4. Use tire chains at all times when the road is covered with snow or ice.

5. Most important of all: Adjust your speed to conditions.

Hamlin Fans to Attend Championship Game

Numbers of Hamlin area football fans will be among those present Monday afternoon in Abilene when the Stamford Bulldogs meet the Hillsboro gridders for the Class AA football championship of Texas.

The Bulldogs, champion of District 4-AA, of which Hamlin is a member, has gone on to the state finals with victories over Phillips, Breckenridge, and New London



ANOTHER IN THE SERIES of Mystery Farm Pictures being run by The Herald is shown above. First person, other than the owner and his family, to correctly identify the view will be given a one-year subscription to Your Home Town Paper. In order to give readers of the paper living on the rural routes an equal chance at the identifying, no answers will be accepted before 1:00 p. m. Friday, either in person or telephoning to the paper office. The original aerial picture will be presented to the owner by The Herald.

Hamlin Schools Close Thursday for Holidays

All five of Hamlin's public school were due to dismiss classes at 2:45 yesterday (Thursday) afternoon for the Christmas and New Year holidays, according to C. F. Cook, superintendent. The school work will not be resumed until Tuesday, January 3.

The holiday period will permit an 11-day respite from classes for students and faculty members.

Seth Adams Goes to New Army Assignment

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adams Jr. and baby daughter, Allison, have been here visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adams Sr.

The young Adams were en route to Fort Lewis, near Seattle, Washington, where he has been reassigned for duty with an Army unit. He recently completed Army training at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Ned Moores to Direct Direct March of Dimes

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Moore have been named campaign directors for the 1956 March of Dimes campaign in the Hamlin community

The drive for funds that will be used to help fight polio, has been scheduled to open in the Hamlin community January 31. More details about the campaign will be announced through The Herald in later issues.

John L. Lea of Roswell Named City Coordinator for Hamlin

Council Votes to Give Christmas Cash to Employees

Christmas gifts of 10 per cent of the monthly pay of full-time city employees were voted for 17 city employees when members of the City Council met Tuesday evening in regular monthly business session. No employee was to receive less than $20, it was noted in the action. The checks were made available Wednesday.

Cost of $466.13 for installing water main extensions to the Eddie Jay cotton warehouse on Northeast Avenue C was approved by the city unt. Estimated cost of more than $1,800 for materials will be furnished by Jay. A new fire plug will be installed near the warehouse on lines that would provide sprinkler system service for the warehouse.

Monthly bills totaling $2,586 were approved for payment.

Receipt of check for $750 for option to lease city property in North Hamlin, under a contract made more than a year ago with Lester & Duffield of Abilene, was acknowledged.

Hiring of a new city coordinator and routine city business constituted other matters attended to by the council session, at which all councilmen were present.

Lee Grabel Show to Be Staged as Benefit For Swimming Pool

Swimming pool fund of the Hamlin Foundation will benefit from proceeds of a novel show by Lee Grabel and his entire company Saturday evening, January 6, at the Hamlin High School auditorium, according to W. T. Johnson, member of the Foundation board of directors.

A freight car of stage paraphernalia is used in this famous stage extravaganza. One of the sensational numbers in this Foundation sponsored stage review is shooting a girl from a cannon. The young lady featured in this number is internationally known as "The Human Cannon Ball." She is placed in the cannon, there is a roar—and she is on her way.

Advance ticket sales for the January 7 will begin next week, Johnson announces.

Mrs. J. E. Abernathy is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. A. H. Smith, at Wichita, Kansas, who suffered a stroke last Thursday.

New Man to Take Duties in Hamlin Middle of January

John L. Lea of Roswell, New Mexico, was named city coordinator of the City of Hamlin when the City Council met Tuesday evening in regular monthly business session at the city hall, to succeed Roy L. Dunlap, who resigned to become city manager of Snyder in September.

Advised of the action of the council Wednesday morning, Lea told Mayor Willard Jones that he would accept the place, and will be on the job about January 15.

A native of Haskell County, Lea is 32 years of age. He graduated from Texas Technological College in 1950 with a degree in architectural engineering. For 18 months he was associated with the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith & Hill in Lubbock; later was with the Army Corps of Engineers at Big Spring, Lubbock and Roswell.

His work at Roswell for several months has been at the Air Force Base, where he has supervised street paving, waterworks, sewer and other projects at the big base.

His wife also is a graduate of Texas Tech, where she majored in business administration. They have two girls, Leslie, three and one-half years old, and Linda, eight months old.

Sue Flenniken Invited To Stock Show Rodeo Contests for Women

Sue Flenniken, a native of the Hamlin community, who at 14 years of age is recognized as one of the best junior rodeo riders in Texas, has been invited to participate in January in the annual Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Rodeo at Fort Worth. She will take part in the barrel races against some of the top cowgirls of the state.

Sue was one of a few cowgirls out of scores of eager applicants invited to participate in the contest. She was the youngest rider appearing in the women's barrel races last January when women's barrel races were held in connection with the rodeo for the first time.

Sue has won many honors in top rodeos in the state, and is ranked fourth in the nation in junior barrel racing by the American Junior Rodeo Association.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Flenniken, she is an eighth grader. The Flennikens, who have farming interests near Hamlin, are at present living at Hale Center, where he is managing a gin.

Sarah Kay Fomby Gets Surgery for Injuries

Sarah Kay Fomby, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fomby of Hamlin, was taken Monday to the Hendrick Memorial Hospital for surgery and special setting of a shoulder bone.

Miss Fomby was injured in an auto accident on the night of December 12. She sustained severe bruises and a broken shoulder clavical. She had received early treatment in Hamlin Memorial Hospital.

Who's New This Week

Two new citizens have been recorded at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last report in The Herald. Both girls, they are:

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Skipworth of Sylvester was born December 9 at 7:25 a. m. Weighing eight pounds four ounces, she has been named Starla Danice.

A girl arrived for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morales of Hamlin on December 10 at 10:05 p. m. After having her weight checked at seven pounds 10½ ounces, she accepted the name Alicia.



Christmas Greetings...

We are mindful of our debt to our friends who have favored us with their patronage. This, we can not repay, but – on this day we can sincerely and heartily say to all of you – "Serving you has been a real pleasure. And, to all –

"A VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON."

Staff of The Hamlin Herald

Virgin Conception Of Christ Child Was Startling to Joseph

According to the familiar old carol, St. Joseph was on old man. He probably was considerably older than Mary, but people may have thought of him as being older than he actually was because he enjoyed earnest conversation and the companionship of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasures.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: She was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on the wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and, while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn;t what would become of her . . . of her child?

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying:'

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel said unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Hobbs Cagers to Meet Locals on January 3

Next Home basketball game on the Hamlin High School slate will be the night of Tuesday, January 3, with the Hobbs cagers

Both boys' and girls' games will be played that evening in the Hamlin Junior High School gymnasium.

ON THE REBOUND.

The father entered the room just as the children were starting a free-for-all.

"See here, Johnny," said the father grabbing one of the youngsters, "who started this?"

"Well," said Johnny, "it's all Freddy's fault. He started it when he hit me back."



The newspapers coming off the press here are part of the campaign against ignorance and illiteracy in New Guinea, a Trust Territory of some one million inhabitants, administered by Australia under the United Nations Trusteeship System. Published by the Education Department in the Government Printing Office, the papers are distributed throughout the villages of this western Pacific island.

Hamlin High School Teachers Planning Visits and Other Trips During Holidays

Many of the teachers and other employees of Hamlin High School will be out-of-town for the Christmas holidays, a check of plans for the 11-day respite from classes revealed this week.

The following holiday plans were announced:

Jess Parrish — Christmas in Hamlin; will also spend a few days after Christmas with relatives and friends at Plainview.

Mrs. Lloyd Burkhart — Christmas in Hamlin; then to Lamesa and Andrews for a few days.

Mrs. Charles Scott—Christmas at home at Sylvester.

Harold Blackburn—Christmas at Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Jim Herridge—Christmas at Kilgore.

Mrs. Joe Carter—Christmas at Levelland.

Dora Mitchell—Christmas at home in Hamlin.

Doyle Smith—Christmas at home in Abilene then to El Paso for tennis tournament.

T. C. Blankenship—Visit relatives at Stephenville and friends at Hamlin.

Mrs. Austin Poe—Going to stay out of the hospital and then go see Stamford win the state champonship.

Mrs. Camille Simmons—Visit in Fort Worth.

Harold Williams — Christmas dinner at Lueders; then ball game at Abilene.

Zelma Hulse — Christmas at home and later visit at Crowell.

Harold Eades—Visit relatives and friends at Stephenville.

J. W. Reynolds—Visit relatives at Ropesville, Lubbock and Cotton Center.

C. F. Cook—Eat turkey and ham at home with wife and two sons; visit at Pampa and see Stamford win state championship.

Mrs. Marvin Carlton—Keep the road hot between here and Rotan.

Truman Nix—Go to mother's and get full; then go to ball game at Abilene; then hunt rest of the time.

B. V. Newberry—Christmas at home; then visit at Childress and Chillicothe.

Ramon Morales—Christmas at home, eight miles south of Hamlin.

Open House Has Been Tradition as Classes Mix at Christmastime

The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A huge Yule log was dragged upon an open fire-pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South The slaves often soaked a log in the swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open house" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy and a realization that He who was born on Christmas Day came to save all men.

USING THEIR WELCOME.

"I have always said the poor were welcome in this church," said the minister, "and I see by the rollection the past few Sundays that they have come."

DePriest School Group Gives Music Program at Rotary

Musical numbers in keeping with the Christmas season were presented at the Wednesday noon luncheon of Hamlin Rotary Club by students from DePrfest Colored School at the oil mill guest house.

The choral group, under the direction of Noble Canida, sang "A la Rance de Christ," "Silent Night" and "Angels We Have Heard on High." Charles Mitchell, baritone soloist, sang "Now the Day Is Over." Mary Brown of the elementary school rendered "White Christmas," and Canida sang "Ole Man River." A quartet rendered "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel."

Gifts were presented by the club to Mrs. Grady Smith, who prepares the luncheon meals; and to Renee Moore, club pianist.

President J. E. Patterson reported that the Hamlin Rotary Club during November led the District 186 attendance parade with a percentage of 99.39.

Bobby Beale, Hamlin High School sophomore, was recognized as Junior Rotarian.

Besides those on the program, other guests at the Wednesday luncheon included W. M. Blackburn and W. R. Terry of Stamford; James Sharp and Lloyd Hindman of Spur; Al Alton of Sweetwater; and Ed Wiggins of Hamlin.

STARTING RIGHT.

Husband—"My dear, it is necessary that we economize still more. Why don't you try your hand at making your own clothes?"

Better Half—"All right, dear anything to help. I will practice up by making some for you first."

New from the Kraft Kitchen!

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SPOON IT into hot foods
HEAT IT for cheese sauce
SPREAD IT for snacks

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Corn Meal
Cragmont Drink
Ice Cream

Canned Fruits and Juices . . .

Westfair Apple Juice	32-Oz. Bottle	23c
Westfair Apple Cider	32-Oz. Bottle	23c
Welch's Grape Juice	24-Oz. Bottle	41c
La Lani Pineapple Juice	46-Oz. Can	25c
Red. Maraschino Empress Cherries	16-Oz. Jar	41c
Barlett. Libby's Pears	No. 2½ Can	39c
Sliced. La Lani Pineapple	No. 2 Can	32c
Jellied or Whole. Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce	No. 300 Can	21c

Canned Goods . . .

Whole. Jumble Pack. Brairgate. Green Beans	No. 303 Can	26c
Early Garden. Del Monte Lima Beans	No. 303 Can	31c
Niblets Corn	12-Oz. Can	18c
Le Sueur Peas	No. 303 Can	29c
Whole. Country Home Sweet Potatoes	No. 3 Can	22c
Stokely's Tomato Aspic	10½-Oz. Can	21c

Household Needs . . .

Detergent Parade	Large Pkg.	25c
Detergent Superb Blue	Large Pkg.	25c
Detergent Superb Blue	Giant Pkg.	50c
Rik-Rak Cleanser	14-Oz. Cans	2 for 15c
Colored or White. Zee Napkins	80-Cnt. Pkg.	15c
White Magic Bleach	Qt. Bottle	17c

Good Buys . . .

Cr. of Chicken, Mushrooms, or Sp. Pet Heinz Soups	No. 1 Cans	2 for 35c
Campbell's Tomato Soup	No. 1 Cans	2 for 27c
Onion. Lipton's Soup Mix	4-Oz. Pkg.	16c
Cherub Canned Milk	14½-Oz. Cans	3 for 35c
Condensed Eagle Milk	15-Oz. Can	29c
Minute Tapioca	8-Oz. Pkg.	28c
Assorted Flavors. Jell Well Gelatin Desserts	3-Oz. Pkgs.	2 for 13c
Assorted Favors. Jello Gelatin Desserts	3-Oz. Pkgs.	2 for 15c
Orange Pekoe. Canterbury. Tea	¼-Lb. Pkg.	32c

Coffee . . .

"Contains Brazil's Finest" Airway	1-Lb. Pkg.	75c
Extra-rich Nob Hill	1-Lb. Pkg.	83c
Top-quality Edwards	1-Lb. Can	87c
Edwards Instant	6-Oz. Jar	$1.23
Maxwell House Instant	6-Oz. Jar	$1.39
Folger's Instant	6-Oz. Jar	$1.29

Preserves and Syrup . .

Tea Garden Apricot Preserves	12-Oz. Glass	28c
Tea Garden Peach Preserves	12-Oz. Glass	28c
Tea Garden Strawberry Preserves	12-Oz. Glass	35c
Sleepy Hollow Syrup	12-Oz. Jar	30c

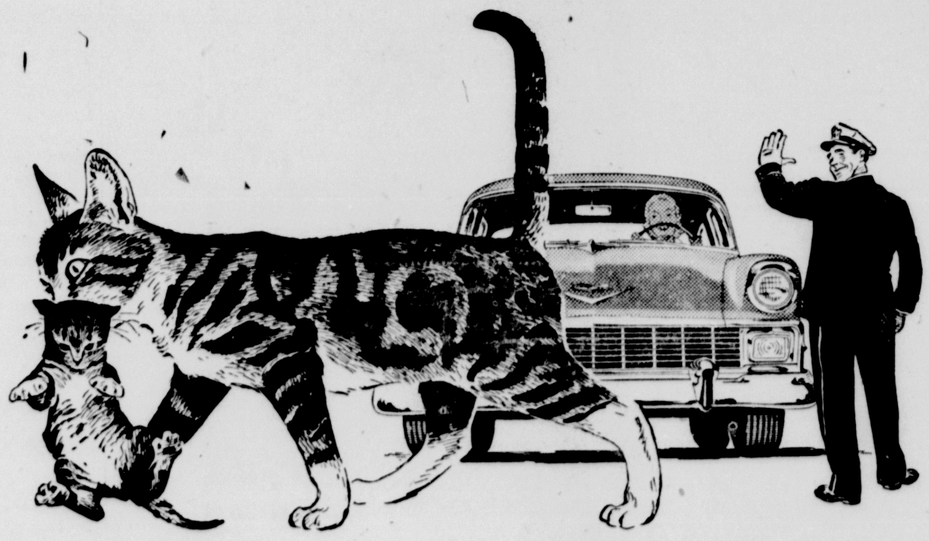
Pantry Goods . . .

Nu Made Mayonnaise	16-Oz. Jar	38c
French. Kraft's Dressing	8-Oz. Bot.	24c
Lunch Box Sandwich Spread	32-Oz. Jar	69c
Indian Grill Dressing	8-Oz. Bot.	37c
Roquefort. Premier Cheese Dressing	8-Oz. Bot.	49c
Sweet. Zippy Midget Pickles	8-Oz. Jar	30c
Sweet. Zippy Whole Pickles	16-Oz. Jar	37c
Sweet. Zippy Mixed Pickles	16-Oz. Jar	37c
Medium Ebony Ripe Olives	9-Oz. Jar	27c
Large. Pitted. Ebony Ripe Olives	9-Oz. Jar	34c
Placed. Queen. Holsum No. 10 Olives	5½-Oz. Jar	39c
Stuffed. No. 5. Holsum Manzella Olives	3-Oz. Jar	34c
Heinz Chili Sauce	12-Oz. Bot.	35c
Miracle Whip Salad Dressing	32-Oz. Jar	49c
Mayday Salad Oil	Qt. Bottle	45c

Fresh Produce Features

Oranges	Navel. 150's and Larger. Sunkist	Lb.	19c
Apples	Delicious. 88's and Larger Red.	Lb.	15c
Cranberries	Colorful. Tangy	1-Lb. Cello	17c
Pascal Celery	Crisp and Fresh.	Lb.	8c

Emperor Grapes	Red. Luscious Clusters	Lb.	17c	Yellow Onions	For Soups and Stews.	Lb.	7c
Potatoes	Russet. Bulk. Premium	Lb.	7½c	Dates	Regular. Good to eat and good for you.	12-Oz. Pkg.	29c
Cocoanuts	Delicious	Lb.	10c	Lettuce	Firm Heads.	Lb.	21c
Tomatoes	For Holiday Salads.	Ctn.	19c	Bananas	Golden Ripe.	Lb.	14c



Two things that make for SAFER driving!

The first and most important thing is you — the driver. The courtesy, care, and common sense you show count more than anything else.

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The Herald's Page for Women

Mrs. Ned Moore Elected President of Recently Organized Woman's Forum

Mrs. Ned Moore, busy Hamlin housewife and active for several years in several Hamlin women's clubs and church work, was named president of the newly-organized Hamlin Woman's Forum Tuesday evening.

The Forum, made up of representatives from seven women's clubs, met Tuesday evening at the First Methodist Church to receive the report of the nominating committee for a slate of officers for the Forum.

Mrs. A. A. Hackley, chairman, presented the nominations as follows: Mrs. Ned Moore, president; Mrs. F. B. Moore, Jr., vice president; Mrs. Austin Poe, second vice president; Mrs. W. Arlie Cassle, recording secretary; Mrs. Ray Johnson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sol Branscum, treasurer; Mrs. S. C. Ferguson Jr., parliamentarian; and Mrs. E. M. Wilson, press reporter.

Report of the committee was accepted and the slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

The two chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, represented by Mrs. Gerald Young and Mrs. E. D. Perrin applied for membership in the Forum and were accepted.

Constitution and by-laws were presented by the new president, Mrs. Ned Moore, and were accepted by the body.

Meetings were scheduled for the fifth Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 o'clock in the months where five Tuesdays occur.

Dues of $5 per year for each organizations belonging to the Forum were assessed, and $2.50 for individual members.

Presidents of the eight clubs belonging to the Forum, and who form the executive committee, together with the newly elected officers of the Forum, are: Mrs. Wilson Brannon, Fifty-Two Study Club; Mrs. W. B. Britton, the Garden Club; Mrs. E. G. Young, Friendship Home Demonstration Club; Mrs. J. A. Joiner, Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club; Mrs. Vera Nobles, Business and Professional Women's Club; Mrs. J. D. Cochran, Firemen's Auxiliary; Mrs. Gerald Young, Beta Theta; and Mrs. E. D. Perrin, Xi Gamma Pi.

Next meeting of the Forum will be Tuesday, January 31, it was announced.

Exchange of White Elephant Gifts Made At Party for Class

Exchange of white elephant gifts featured a meeting Monday evening of members of the Naomi Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church in their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Alton Mayfield. Co-hostesses were Mmes. Opal McCurry, May Kidwell and Ola Waymire.

Mrs. Wallace Walton, teacher, opened the session with a prayer and brought the devotional on "The Other Wise Man."

The teacher's gift to each member of the class was a box of peanut brittle candy. The class gave the teacher a pot plant in a wraught iron stand.

The hostesses served coffee and fruit cake to one guest, Marsha Ann Goodgame, and the following class members: Mmes. Leona Carter, Billye Goodman, Lillian Green, Martha Barnett, Lula Mae Crawford, Mattie Lafler, Ruth Hallmark, May Kidwell, Mamie Deel, Erma Hall, Opal Cohorn, Betty Miller and Lela Lain.

Hamlin FFA Group Honors FHA Girls and Faculty at Dinner

Girls of the Future Homemakers of America organization in Hamlin High School and members of the faculty were honored guests Friday night at the Primary School cafetorium at the annual Christmas party presented by the boys of the Future Farmers of America.

Lavere Wilson was in charge of the food arrangements for the party. Mrs. Petty and Mrs. Conner prepared the food, which was served cafeteria style. On the menu were enchiladas, beans, chili and salad.

Following the dinner a program of entertainment was presented by Liz Norton, Gene Steele and Sammy Holcomb, an entertainer from the McCaulley chapter of FFA. Ronny Parker and Steve Reynolds were in charge of the entertainment features. B. V. Newberry, high school principal was the speaker of the evening.

About 100 students and faculty members attended the festive affair.

Nothing relieves and ventilates the mind like a resolution.—John Burroughs.

Christmas Party for McCaulley Club Group Held in Abbott Home

Annual Christmas party of the McCaulley Home Demonstration Club was held Thursday afternoon in the recently redecorated home of Mrs. Ted Abbott.

Traditional Christmas decorations were used throughout the home. A fruit arrangement centered the dinner table, which was laid with a crocheted lace tablecover made by Mrs. Abbott's mother, Mrs. Della Fancher.

Background music was given during the afternoon on a record player. Mrs. Willie Fancher directed a lively recreation period.

The Christmas program was announced by Mrs. C. A. McHone. The program opened with prayer by Mrs. Ben Kemp. "The Christmas Story" was given by Mrs. Leo Masser. Mrs. Lou's Boyd concluded the program with a paper on "Christmas Is More Than Holiday Greetings and Nicely Wrapped Packages."

From a gaily decorated tree of white pine, gifts were exchanged and secret club pals revealed. A gift was presented to the outgoing president, Mrs. Jerry Maberry.

Other outgoing officers are: Mrs. A. G. Smith, vice president; Mrs. Frank Kemp, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Glenn Henderson, council delegate; Mrs. Louis Boyd, THDA chairman Mrs. Ray Maberry, parliamentarian; Mrs. Willie Fancher, recreation leader; and Mrs. Louis Boyd, reporter.

A desert plate was served to Mrs. Rufus Herbst, Tollie McFatter and Jerry Crowley, guests; and the following members: Mmes. Jerry Maberry, Luther Maberry, Ray Maberry, Della Fancher, Leo Masser, Willie Fancher, C. A. McHone, Roscoe Perryman, Miliner, Ben Kemp, Frank Kemp, Fred Kemp, Glenn Henderson, A. A. Smith, Levi McCollum, A. G. Smith, Louis Boyd and the hostess.

Next meeting of the McCaulley club group will be January 5 at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Louis Boyd.

Telephone Employees Give Dinner Monday Evening for Families

A Christmas party for their families was given in the telephone office lounge Monday evening by the telephone company employees.

A delicious dinner was served at 7:00 o'clock. The table centerpiece consisted of a white lace Christmas tree trimmed in tiny Christmas bells. All tables were laid in white cut-work paper.

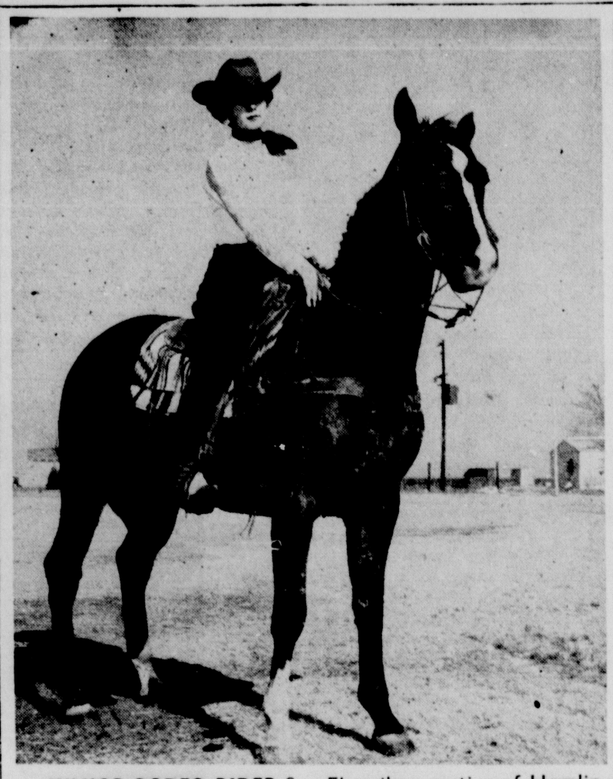
After eating, everyone played bingo with cards for ther gifts.

Attendants at the gala affair were Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Waldrop, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boil, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lock, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Tegart, Mrs. Ernestine Stephens, Mrs. Arba Burgess, Villa Rountree, Jo Ann Fannin and Louise Proctor.

Mrs. A. H. Abernathy Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Myers and children of San Angelo were visiting last week-end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Abernathy.

They helped Mrs. Abernathy celebrate her sixty-third birthday December 16. J. E. Abernathy of Hamlin also participated in the birthday celebration.



JUNIOR RODEO RIDER Sue Flenniken, native of Hamlin commuunity (above), has been invited to appear as a performer at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth in January. The 14-year-old Sue has been participating in riding and rodeo events for several years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Flenniken. Her father, who still owns his farm near Hamlin, is manager of the High Gin at Hale Center.

Dr. Paul Southern, Bible Scholar of Abilene, Tells Women of Holy Land

Dr. Paul Southern, head of the Bible department of Abilene Christian College, was speaker for the afternoon when members of the Fifty-Two Study Club met Friday with the Hamlin Literary Club as guests Friday afternoon. Hostesses were Mrs. Harry Martin and Mrs. Noel Weaver.

Dr. Southern related the story of Jesus while showing slides of Bethlehem, Jerusalem and other parts of the Holy Land.

Along the imaginary trip the group saw such Biblical sites as Shepherd's Field, the field where the shepherds were keeping watch over the flocks when the angel appeared and announced the birth of the king; the gate into which Jesus made his triumphal entry; the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray before His betrayal; the tomb where they laid Christ; and scenes along the rocky path leading to the place where He died on the cross.

Modern scenes as well as old ones were shown in the slides and the conditions of the people and lands were explained by Dr. Southern.

Mrs. Dean Witt presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Wilson Brannon. Club collect was led by Mrs. Gene Westmoreland. Mrs. W. F. Martin was program director. The guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. W. S. Seals.

Mrs. Harry Martin was at the refreshments table, where punch and cookies were served. The table was laid in a white cloth with a Christmas arrangement of an angel of gold cellophane with gold balls and white angel hair on styrofoam. On either side of the room was an arrangement of beargrass sprayed gold decorated with Christmas balls.

A styrofoam Santa Claus sleigh on the piano completed the decorations.

Piano selections were played by Gary Ted Jay preceding the program.

Other guests for the day were Mrs. Paul Southern of Abilene; and from the Hamlin Literary Club were: Mmes. W. A. Albritton, Art Carmichael, Stanley Carmichael, W. A. Cassle, Tate May, Clyde Grice, J. W. McCrary, Bill Shira, Virgil Steele and Foster Cook.

Other members of the Fifty-Two Study Club present were Mmes. E. J. Hawkins, Byron O. Bell, Fred B. Moore Jr., J. D. Josey, Cecil Sellers, W. C. Westbrook; and Mrs. Jack Richey, who is an honorary member of the club.

Next meeting of the Fifty-Two Study Club will be in the home of Mrs. W. S. Seals January 6 with a program on "Federaton."

New Officers Named For Camp Fire Girls Leaders Association

New officers of the Leaders Association of Camp Fire were named at a sesson of the organization last Thursday at the Camp Fire Hut in West Hamlin. The association is composed of sponsors and leaders of Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls groups.

Officers named were: Mrs. E. J. Hawkins, chairman; Mrs. Dear Witt, vice chairman; Mrs. A. J. Hallmark, secretary; and Mrs John D. Ferguson, reporter.

Several improvements to the hut have been made during the past year, it was noted, including new floor covering and newly installed rest room. Mrs. Will Maberry has served as leader association chairman for 1955.

Camp Fire Girl Group Given Christmas Party

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree highlighted the party for the Blue Bird and Camp Fire groups and council members, held last Thursday evening at the Camp Fire Girls hut.

After singing Christmas carols each group, with its leader and sponsor, was introduced.

Christmas gifts were exchanged by attendants, and refreshments were served to approximately 80 girls, counsellors and leaders.

Skit Featured at Christmas Party for Families of Friendship Club Group

A skit entitled "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus" was featured when annual Christmas party of the Friendship Home Demonstration Club was held last Friday night at the Primary School cafetorium.

Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings were on the menu. Following the dinner, gifts were exchanged.

The club president the president, Mrs. Fred Young, an electric percolator as a token of appreciation for her work with the during the past year.

Christmas carols were sung by the group also as an entertainment feature.

Present for the evening's festivities were Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. LaFoy Paterson, Mary and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith, Jerry and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Hix and John Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Elkins, Mary Ann and Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Neal and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Donal and Dawl, Mr. and Mrs. Jap Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branscum, Mr. and Mrs. Ester Hastings, Velta and Helen Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gean Witt and Linda Jean, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Johnson and Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson, Ray Jr. and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Branscum, John Hudson, Mrs. Albert Moore, Mrs. Jack Collins and Jimmie Lou Wainscott, the county home demonstration agent.

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AREN'T WE MAKING CHRISTMAS COMMERCIAL?

Just to check up on the impressions of a modern child, we hazard the guess that good percentage of the youngsters of today, when asked what Christmas is, would declare that it is when we give gifts to all those who try to give presents to other members of the family and friends. Further, we daresay a lot of the adults would define Christmas as a time when we spend more than we should for items that are not practical to give to folks we merely are trying to keep up with on our gift list, many of whom we have little genuine affection for.

This is quite an indictment against the day that was instituted by the Father of brotherly love, the instigator of kindness and helpfulness, who came to the world to rescue it from sin and darkness, and promote peace and good-will to all men everywhere.

The world too much uses it also as a time of merry-making (even to the point of over-eating and drunkenness) and seeking after worldly pleasure and entertainment. Most all of us are guilty of encroachments on its real sacred intent and purpose. Rather than taking it as a time of putting into effect our better impulses of brotherly kindness, looking after the poor and unfortunate, explaining to our acquaintances the love of God that transforms lives and living, we have made of the Christmas season one of frivolity, excesses and commercialism.

Not with a desire to take away the sheer delight of in-the-family gift-giving, but rather in the interest of urging a return to the true meaning of Christmas, the spirit of its namesake, Christ, should be kept in mind in this modern generation that is noted for its wanton departure from the good and the sublime and the holy.

Yes, Christmas has become a great time of commercialization here in America—the one place in all the world that should be turning its efforts and energies to promoting the Christian religion as a thank offering for the rare privileges which we enjoy in this land of the free and home of the brave.

May the ravages of wars, the pestilences of disease and starvation, the horrors of famines and earthquakes not be necessary to bring America to her knees and to Christ on His natal day. May we return to our senses and the tenets of the Master out of a realization of our blessings!

From Small Beginnings

In Cremona, Italy, three boys were on a street corner. One was singing, one dancing and the other whittling. One boy said: "Let's go down to the carnival. We will stand nearby and sing and dance and get money from the passersby.

Two of the youngsters sang and danced, but Tony just whittled. Coins were thrown to them. Tony's eyes opened wide when a man threw a gold coin. "Who is he?" Tony asked. "That is Mr. Amati, the great violin maker."

Next morning Tony went to Mr. Amati's factory and asked him for a job. He said, "Mr. Amati, I can't sing or dance, but I can whittle. I love music, because, you see, there is a song in my heart."

"That is all that matters—a song in your heart. By the way, son, what's your name?" He answered, "Antonio Stradivari."

Mental Attitudes

We alone determine our course in life by our mental attitude. We alone are responsible for what we think, for, by and large, the way we think determines the way we act. And the way we act determines whether life is good or bad, happy or sad, empty or event ful.

As we grow older, we study and observe. As we come into contact with many types of people and encounter different experiences, the more certain we are in our beliefs that any person's success or failure, happiness or unhappiness, and, in some cases, health or illness, depends upon his mental attitude. In fact, there are many people who believe that a person's mental attitude pretty well determines the type of an individual he is. Psychologists say there are many different factors which definitely influence a person's thinking.

Men, they state, are unconsciously ruled by their overworn prejudices, their environment, their imagined necessities, their associations, their set opinions and their early training. These factors help to shape every person's mental attitude and, as a person matures, as he studies, observes, travels and comes in closer contact with people of other lands, he is apt to become more talerant, more sympothetic and more affable toward them. We are told that fundamentally we are what we think—we are as old or as young as we feel, we are as rich or poor as our imaginations, we are as strong as our faith or as weak as our fears. If these things are true, then we control our lives through our mental attitudes.

Boasting Well Deserved

When it shall be said of my country . . . "My poor are happy, neither ignorance nor distress is to be found among them; sightless and physically handicapped are taken care of; my jails are empty of prisoners, my street of beggars; the aged are not in want; world is my friend, because I am a friend of the taxes are not oppressive; the rational its happiness" . . . when these things can be said, and only then, shall my country boast of itself.

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It is developed partly by you. Cooperation with your fellow citizens, devotion to your home town and the support you give those other people of your community—these make for the towns friendly spirit.

Religion Is Right Living

True religion will be fruitful in righteous living, declares Clifton J. Allen, in a recent religious publication. A religion of form and ceremony has no moral power. But the kind of religion demanded by God is one which claims the whole heart and the whole life. True religion will cleanse a life of adultery and profanity and greed. It will keep one from stealing from his fellow men and from God through tithes and offerings. It will make one have reverent regard for the sanctity of marriage and fidelity in family life. It will make one just in money matters and generous in social responsibilities. In other words, true religion is morally regenerative. It makes one true in purpose to serve God and upright before men.

God's moral government is never to be questioned. It is not our responsibility to explain why God allows wicked people to prosper and godly people to suffer. God's government of men takes eternity into its consideration. He will do what is right. It is both folly and iniquity to question his morality or to rebel against his authority.

Hamlin FFA Boys Attend Meeting of Farm Loan Unit

Nineteen third-year vocational agriculture students of Hamlin High School attended the annual stockholders' meeting of the National Farm Loan Association at Anson last Monday.

Joe Breed, secretary-treasurer of the Jones County NFLA, said that an attempt was made to arrange the program in such a way that it would be beneficial to the FFA students from over the county who will be future farmers.

The Anson High School FFA chapter presented a farm skill demonstration concerning farm electrical safety.

Harry Holt, farm and ranch reporter from Abilene, gave an interesting talk on "What's New in Agriculture."

Elmer Rhoton, Hamlin FFA boy, received a $5 gift certificate door prize for the Hamlin group.

Other Hamlin FFA members attending were Jerry Jay, Perry Davis, Ronny Parker, Mac Reid Don Adair, Davy Weaver Richard Bruner Jr., Joe Cowan, Murl Smith, Herbert Lakey, Donald Pyron, Steve Reynolds, Dwight Wallace, Doug Ford, Lane Fletcher, Corky Bond, Jimmy Blackwell Sam Carothers and Harold Eades local advisor.

Friends Invited to Janice Agnew Rites

Friends and acquaintances of the family in the Hamlin area are invited to attend the marriage next Thursday evening, December 29, at 6:00 o'clock of Janice Gay Agnew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie H. Agnew, to Spero Theodore Constantine of Abilene son of Mrs. Theodore John Constantine of New London, Connecticutt.

The wedding will take place at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Houston Walker, pastor, will perform the ceremony.

Beta Theta Chapter To Give Foid Basket To Needy Family

Members brought items of food which will be given to some needy famly in the form of a Christmas basket when the Beta Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met last Tuesday in the home of Mrs. H. L. Mehaffey. Donations were also given to buy a winter coat for a school age child.

Mrs. Arlie Cassle brought an interesting program.

The following members, besides the hostess, were served plates of sandwiches, Christmas cookies and coffee: Mmes. Arlie Cassle, C. Weldon Griggs, W. F. Martin, Gerald Young, Wilson Brannon, Billy Joe Wilson, Brad Rowland, Jess Parrish, Jim Herridge, Austin Poe, Truman Nix, Earl Smith and Garland Preston.

Hour-Long Sunday Morning Program Set by Methodists

An hour-long Christmas Day program is planned for the First Methodist Church Sunday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 o'clock, according to Rev. Darris Egger, pastor. This will be a combination Sunday School and morning worship hour. This will be the only services Sunday.

At the begnning of the service the children's department will meet in their own classes. The yout hand adult groups will meet in the sanctuary. All ages will have a brief Sunday School lesson.

Then the children's department will have a film for their worship service, "Child of Bethlehem," a 22-minute movie of the birth and boyhood of Jesus.

In the sanctuary for the youth and adults, Rev. Egger will teach a brief lesson on "Songs of the Savior's Birth." Christmas hymns will be used in the devotional. The story of "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke will be presented by Mrs. Darris Egger.

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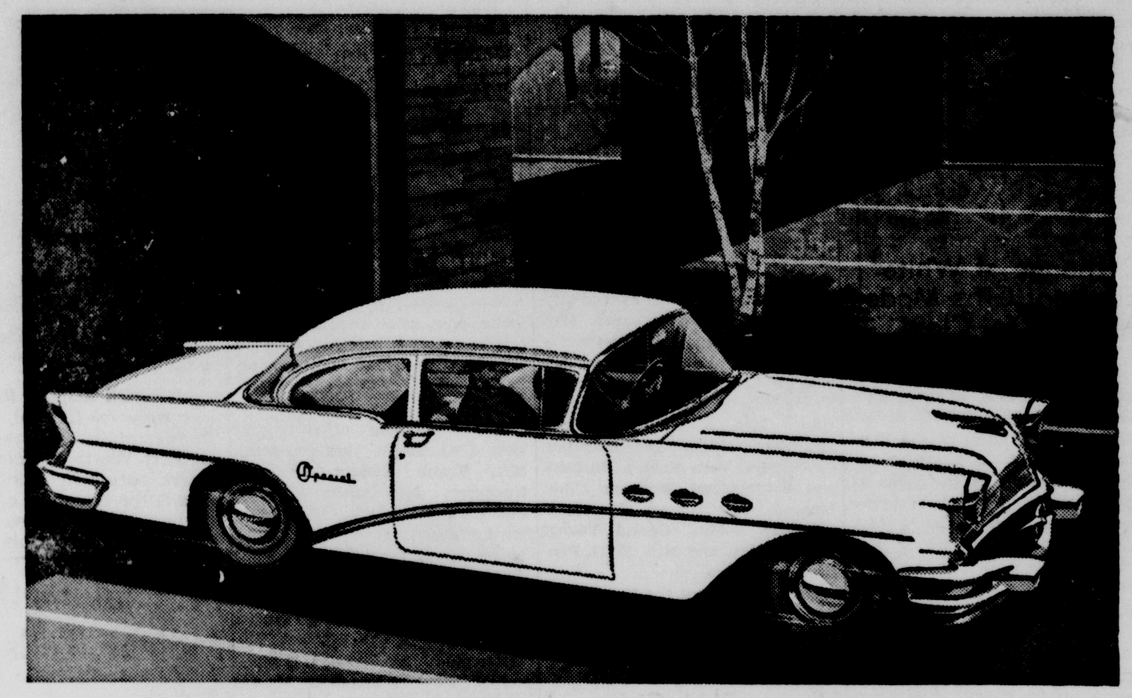
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Choc Covered Cherries	1-Lb. Box 49c
Roxbury Marshmallows	1-Lb. Cello 29c
Shelled Halves. Pecans	1-Lb. Cello $1.49
Shelled Pieces. Pecans	1-Lb. Cello $1.29
Marshmallow Whip	8-Oz. Jar 26c

Roxbury Christmas Candies

Almond Cluster	6-Oz. Pkg. 41c	Jelly Beans	16-Oz. Pkg. 29c
Chocolate. Whipped Cremes	7¼-Oz. Pkg. 35c	Gum Drops	16-Oz. Pkg. 25c
Christmas Stocking Mix	5-Oz. Pkg. 25c	Orange Slices	16-Oz. Pkg. 25c
Mix Old Fashioned	16-Oz. Pkg. 37c	Satin Mix	16-Oz. Pkg. 31c
100% Filled Mix	16-Oz. Pkg. 37c	Milk Chocolate or Dark Covered Cherries	1-Lb. Box 49c
Chocolate Drops	16-Oz. Pkg. 37c	Chocolate Covered. Orange Sticks	8-Oz. Box 37c

Cookies and Cake...

Assorted Cakes	15-Oz. Pkg. 39c
Sliced. Holiday Fruit Cake	4-Oz. Pkg. 15c
Loaf. Holiday Fruit Cake	14-Oz. Pkg. 49c
Ring. Holiday Fruit Cake	21-Oz. Pkg. 79c
Ring. Holiday Fruit Cake	3-Lb. Pkg. $1.49

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Durkee's Cocoanut	8-Oz. Bag 29c
Semi-Sweet Nestles Morsels	6-Oz. Pkg. 24c
Semi-Sweet. Jumbo Nestles Morsels	12-Oz. Pkg. 46c
Creme. Kidd's Marshmallow	8-Oz. Jar 26c
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Ground Sage	¾-Oz. Can 17c
Vanilla Extract	2-Oz. Bot. 40c
Assorted Colors Food Coloring	4⅛-Oz. Bot. 22c

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Mrs. Wright's Stuffing Bread	24-Oz. Loaf 21c
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Cookies and Crackers..

Pirate Gold Graham Crackers	1-Lb. Box 33c
Pure Chocolate. Jane Arden Graham Crackers	6-Oz. Pkg. 23c
Pure Chocolate. Jane Arden Eclair Cookies	8-Oz. Pkg. 31c
Sunshine Hydrox Cookies	12-Oz. Pkg. 39c
Busy Baker Crackers	1-Lb. Box 25c

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Homo. Lucerne Sweet Milk	½-Gal. Ctn. 49c
Lucerne Half & Half	Pint Ctn. 23c
Lucerne Whipping Cream	½-Pint Ctn. 25c
Blossom Time Cottage Cheese	16-Oz. Ctn. 25c
Plain, Pimiento or hive. Kraft Phil. Cream Cheese	3-Oz. Pkgs. 2 for 25c
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Pork Chops	Loin End.	Lb.	49c
Pork Roast		Lb.	39c

Bacon	Sliced. Capitol	Lb.	35c
Smoked Picnics	3 to 5-Lb. Avg. Ready-To-Eat. Swift's Premium	Lb.	45c
Canned Ham	Hormel's	4-Lb. Can	$4.59
Canned Ham	Rath's	3¼-Lb. Can	$3.25
Oysters	Standard.	Pint Ctn.	99c
Hen Turkeys	8 to 14-Lb. Avg. Premium Quality. U. S. Graded. Manor House	Lb.	59c
Small Turkeys	4 to 8-Lb. Avg. Ready-To-Cook. Beltsville.	Lb.	69c

Placings in Hamlin High School Band Announced After Tests by Instruments

Placings in the Hamlin High School Band instrument positions were announced this week by Jess Parrish, band director, following contests conducted last week in the 60-piece organization. The placings were made on the basis of musical ability, attitude and poise.

Director Parrish declares that the band has made good progress this year.

The placings in the order mentioned below by instruments, follow:

Clarinets—Louise Herd, Georgia McDonnell, Reba Roland, Bob Haynes, Vermelle Johnson, Judy Parker, Ann Cochran, Mary Ann Willbanks, Joyce Grimm, Charlotte Wallace, Lusara Dean, Cecelia Albritton and John Richie.

Cornets—Gene Steele, Bobby Beale, Bobby Spaulding, Jerry Carlton, Everett Gibson, Janis Crowley, Lance Carmichael and Phillip Miller.

Trombones—Varnelle Hart, Bryan Shelburne, Jerry Jay, Dennis Johnson, George Jenkins and Clarence Parker.

Saxophones—John Walker, Ginger Means, Jerry Crowley, Peggy Killion and Paige Baize.

French Horns—Bette Jean Cranford, Libby Johnson, Annette Fletcher, Gayle Bishop and Donna Kidd.

Flutes — Gloria Rodgers and Renee Moore.

Bassoons—Judy Brandon.

Bass Clarinet—Maryanne Carter.

Baritones — James Crowley, Mark Fletcher and K. T. Scott.

Bass Horns—Rodney Spaulding, Jay Cunningham, Jim Stinnett and Joe Deel.

Percussions—Virgil Wilson, Joe Stephens, Wyvonne Conner, Boyce Blankinship and Bette Teague.

Burnie B. Colwell, Stock Farmer, Dies Friday at Hospital

Funeral services for Burnie B. Colwell, 60-year-old stock farmer of the Hamlin community, who died last Friday, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. Officiating for the rites was Bro. Brown.

Colwell, who had been a resident of Hamlin for 36 years, died at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital just after noon last Friday after an illness of about a year.

Born December 17, 1894, near Shreveport, Louisiana, he attended the school of that stte and Texas. He married the former Bertha Mae Alexander on August 10, 1919, at Henderson. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the Masonic Lodge.

Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under the direction of Hamlin Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Carl Mahan, Eddie Jay, Art Carmichael, Bail Hill, Harold Bonner, Bob Tegart, Bobby Reynolds and Jimmy Wade Hughes.

Survivors include the wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Colwell of Pecos; one daughter, Mrs. Verna Mae Hill of Fort Worth; five brothers, Charles C. Colwell of Fresno, California, Ernest E. Colwell of Winfield, Kansas, Ben F. Colwell of Pecos, Morris C. Colwell of San Diego, California, and Harold W. Colwell of Los Angeles, California; and two sisters, Eula Mae McDavid of Amarillo and Florence Mayson of El Paso.

REALIZATION OF FACT.

An educated man is one who has finally discovered that there are some questions to which nobody has the answers.

Hamlin Memorial Hospital

Patients admitted to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last report in The Herald have included: Warren Reynolds, medical, December 6; Mrs. Brad Rowland Sr., medical, December 7; Brad Rowland Sr., medical, December 7; J. S. Dickey, medical, December 8; Mrs. Grady Brown, medical, December 8; Mrs. Doc Neal, medical, December 8; Eugene Forbes of Sylvester, medical, December 8; Zane Porter of Sylvester, medical, December 8; Lynn Herring of Stamford, medical, December 8; Mrs. Norman Skipworth of Sylvester, ob., December 9; Mrs. T. T. Ballinger of Roby, medical, December 9; Mrs. George Bury, medical, December 9; Paz Gonzales, medical, December 9; Mrs. Tom Simmons of Roby, surgery, December 9; Mrs. F. W. Poe Sr., medical, December 9; Arlene Forbes of Sylvester, medical, December 9; Loyd Burkhart, medical, December 10; Jimmy Bellah of Cotton Center, medical, December 10; Charles McDowell, medical, December 10; Mrs. Raymond Morales, ob., December 8 General Phenix, medical, December 10; Jim Anderson of Aspermont, medical, December 10; Mrs. A. M. Gray, medical, December 11; Mrs. D. L. Carmen of Aspermont, medical, December 12; Vernell Hart, medical, December 12; Sara Kay Fomby, medical, December 12; Mrs. L. M. Sutherland, medical, December 13; Mrs. Clyde Myers of Aspermont, medical, December 12; Minnie Mae Gipson, medical, December 9; Charles Yarborough of McCaulley, surgery, December 14.

Patients Dismissed—Mrs. Herbert J. Lippe of Pampa, December 3; Floyd Winslett, December 6; Mrs. Benson Payne, December 7; Mrs. H. D. Moore of Sweetwater, December 9; Mrs. E. O. Bennett of Roby, December 9; J. L. Kennedy, December 9; Mrs. J. R. Reed of Sylvester, December 6; Mrs. Stanley Butler, December 8; Mrs. H. D. Adams, December 8; Mrs. Tom Teague, December 8; Mrs. Wade Davis Jr. of Aspermont, December 9; Mrs. J. W. Griffin, Decembhr 7; Mrs. Charlie Sellers, December 10; Charles Scott of Sylvester, December 10; David Thompson, December 9; W. H. Cranford, December 9; Mrs. L. E. Warnell, December 8; Mrs. L. B. Baker of Post, December 11; Warren Reynolds, December 13; J. S. Dickey, December 9; Eugene Forbes of Sylvester, December 15; Zane Porter of Sylvester, December 13; Lynn Herring of Stamford, December 12; Mrs. Norman Skipworth of Sylvester, December 12; Mrs. T. T. Ballinger of Roby, December 13; Mrs. F. W. Poe Sr., December 12; Mrs. Tom Simmons of Roby, December 12; Loyd Burkhart, December 13; Charles McDowell, December 14; Mrs. Raymond Morales, December 13; Varnell Hart, December 14; Mrs. Clifford Myers of Aspermont, December 13; Minnie Mae Gipson, December 13.

Silas C. Carlan, Hamlin Carpenter, Passes Thursday

Final rites for Silas C. Carlan, 61-year-old carpenter of the Hamlin community, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the North Central Avenue Baptist Church. Rev. Woodrow McHugh, pastor, officiated at the services.

Carlan died Thursday at his home, 712 Southeast Avenue C following a heart attack. He had been ill about two days.

Born July 3, 1890, in Georgia, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fabriel Carlan. He married the former Belle Garrison at Homer, Georgia, on May 22, 1911. He had lived at Pittsburg, Texas, before moving to Hamlin 10 years ago.

Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under direction of Hamlin Funeral Home. Pallbearers were C. W. Carlan, P. W. Carlan, R. H. Hughes, L. E. Guthrie Jr., L. R. Reynolds and J. T. Clark.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, Mrs. Belle Carlan; two sons, C. W. Carlan and P. W. Carlan of Hamlin; four daughters, Mrs. R. H. Hughes of Baytown, Mrs. L. R. Reynolds of Hillsboro, Mrs. L. E. Guthrie of Angleton and Mrs. J. T. Clark Sr. of Paducah; two brothers, Bigiah Carlan of Elkerton, Gtorgia, and Henry Carlan of Homer Georgia; three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Bennett and Mrs. Lon Pruitt of Homer, Georgia, and Mrs. Nettie Higginbotham of Cannon Georgia; and 14 grandchildren.

Lions Club to Give Food to Number of Family of Vicinity

Several baskets of food for needy families of the Hamlin community will be provided by Hamlin Lions Club, it was decided at the Tuesday noon luncheon session of the civic group, meeting at the oil mill guest house. This plan was adopted in lieu of the usual donation of toys.

Several Christmas songs were sung by the group at the opening of the session.

Gift certificates from the club were presented to Mrs. Grady Smith, who prepares the meals for the weekly Lions luncheons; and to Mrs. J. W. McCrary, pianist. Presentation was made by President W. S. Seals.

Mrs. James Fitzgerald, reader, presented the story of "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke as the program feature of the weekly luncheon.

It was voted by the group that no meeting of the Lions Club will be held next week on account of the holidays.

See The Herald for pencils.

High School Piperette Cagers Divide Games With Merkel Crews

Hamlin High School Piperettes shared games with the Merkel girls at Hamlin Tuesday night in cage contests. The Hamlin T team lost to the Merkel A group 41 to 42 in a good game. Helen Johnston and Linda Carlton each scored 16 points in the fracas. Mita Lou McAnish of Merkel made 22 points. Hamlin Guards Janis Crowley, Jean Powell and Sandra Stuart were good on defense. Annette Smith, the other Hamlin forward, made nine points.

Hamlin B squad won their tilt by a 23 to 21 score over the Merkel B string. Clarice Brown was high pointer for Hamlin with six. Eva Wallace made five, Lusara Dean and Louise Lskey each looped four. Guards were June Hill, Mittie Ray, Jo Ann Hallum, Whynama Hayes and Peggy Killion.

Piperettes Lose Two Games in Roby Meet

Coach Dora Mitchell's Piperette cagers of Hamlin High School participated in the Roby invitational tournament last week-end at Roby.

The locals lost their first game Thursday afternoon to Wylie by a 19 to 58 score. Helen Johnston was high pointer for Hamlin with eight, followed by Linda Carlton with seven. Hamilton and Purcell of Wylie each scored 16.

In the second game Saturday morning the Piperettes lost a tight game 29 to 33 to the Merkel girls.

IDENTIFICATION WRONG.

"Lady," said the traffic officer, "you have no red light on your car."

"I'll have yo uknow, officer," she returned indignantly, "this isn't that kind of a car!"

Rites Held for Father Of Hamlin Women

Final rites for V. L. Goodwin of Stamford, 85-year-old retired farmer, were conducted last Friday week at the First Baptist Church in Stamford. He died the previous Thursday in a Stamford hospital following an illness of three years.

Among survivors of the octogenarian were Mmes. W. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Alton Hewett of Hamlin.

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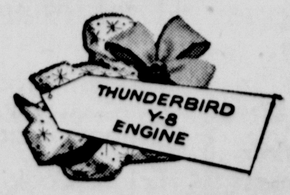
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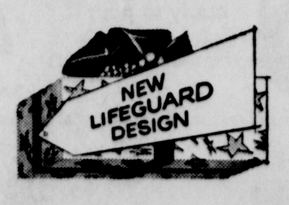
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FOR SALE—Duncan Phyfe coffee and end table, $7.50 each; also couch and two chairs. Phone 488-W2. 7-2c

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WANTED—Sewing; buttonholes made; reasonable prices.—Jaydean Tabb, phone 854-W. 8-2c

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Merrie Christmas to All

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Christmas Customs In Austria Have Changed Very Littl

Christmas customs in Austria, where tradition is held sacred, have changed only a little in the past 100 years and Christmas still is the most important holiday for the Austrians.

In fact, the only substantial change happened about 90 years ago when Austrians broke with the custom of having the Christmas tree, top pointing downward, hanging from a crossbeam of the ceiling. Instead, it is placed on a table or on the floor, standing up.

Austrian experts on customs say that gifts have grown in size and that about 50 years ago, only "token gifts" were exchanged while more substantial gifts were left to January 1.

There also is a trend toward a "Father Christmas" figure (the Weichnachtsmann) as the assumed bearer of gifts to children. The German occupation from 1938 to 1945—the Germans have a "Father Christmas"—and the American influence of Santa Claus have combined with the fact that a "Father Christmas" is easier to picture on advertisements than Austria's traditional Christ Child (Christkind) named by Austrian parents as the bearer of Christmas gifts. However, the Christ Child still is the dominating Christmas figure.

INCONSEQUENTIAL.

Little Boy (on a transcontinental train)—"Mother, what's the name of the last station we stopped at?"

Mother—"Don't bother me now, dear, I'm reading. Why do you ask?"

Little Boy—"Because sister got off there."

Ouija boards get their name from a combination of the French and German words for "yes."



Cotton fashions do double duty for many fall and winter occasions. Greta Plattry designed this colorful paisley-print cotton shirt dress as part one of a two-part fashion. To be ensembled with the paisley cotton shirtdress is a solid red, glamorous chesterfield jumper in Merrimack cotton velveteen.

TECHNICAL LANGUAGE.

Giving an orange to someone is a simple matter unless the transaction is entrusted to a lawyer to put into writing. He would probably use something similar to this form:

"I hereby give, grant and convey to you all my interes, right, title and advantage of and in said orange, together with its rind, skin, juice and pits; and all rights and advantages therein, with full power to bite, suck or otherwise eat the same, or give away with or without he rind, skin, juice, pulp or pits; anything hereinbefore or in any other deed or deeds, instrument of any nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding."

Early Colonial Laws Banned Yule Practices

Celebrating Christmas was frowned upon by Puritans in the early New England colonies. They did not observe holy days.

The observation of Christmas and the making of mince pies were forbidden by blue laws in the Massachusetts and New Haven colonies.

HAD IT COMING.

They had been married for 35 years, and for 35 years she had been the family bread-winner. Then one day he died. The widow instructed that his body be cremated and the ashes be delivered to her.

Carefully placing them in an hour glass, she set it on the mantle, sat down to rock and said, "Now, you lazy bum, at last you're going to work!"

CAN'T TESTIFY.

The quack was selling an elixir which he declared would make men live to a great age.

"Look at me," he shouted. "Hale and hearty, and I'm over 300 years old."

"Is he really as old as that?" asked a listener of the youthful assistant.

"I can't say," replied the assistant. "I've only worked for him for 100 years."

Greetings

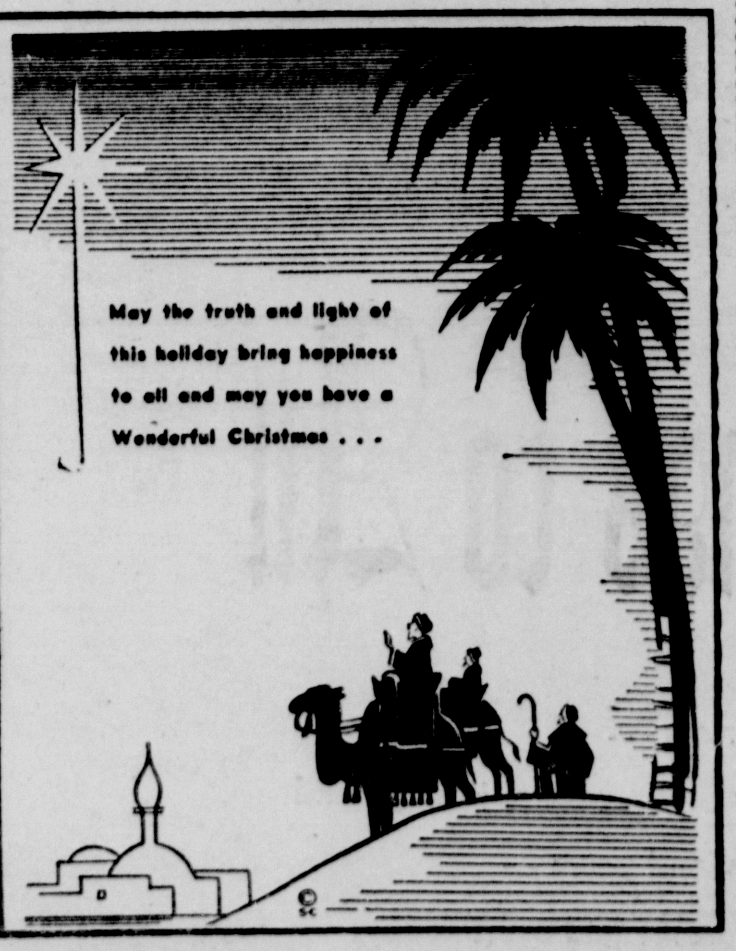
To our friends and neighbors we offer our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

To you, our patrons—we extend our thanks for your friendliness in the past year.

And for all of us we add the hope for a peaceful and bountiful New Year.

The Style Mart

214 South Central Avenue



Starr's

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"Good Food Is Not Cheap . . . Cheap Food Is Not Good"

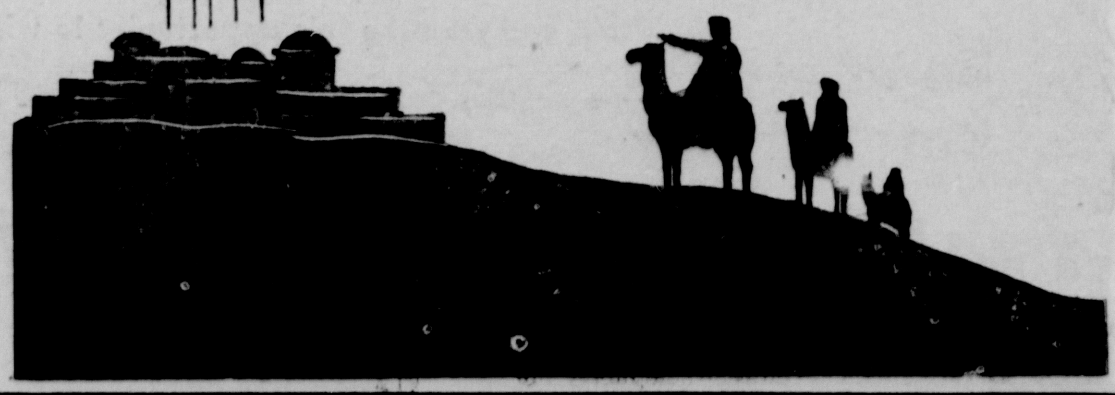
SWEETWATER — ODESSA — HAMLIN

Again as the wondrous Christmas season opens our hearts, we sense something of the miracle and mystery of the first Christmas.

May the blessed Yuletide spirit bring to you and yours all the peace and happiness that the first Christmas brought to the Wise Men.

This is the wish of your friends at . . . . . .

McDONALD'S



Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I want a doctor set and a real puppy. Thank you —Alice June Hill.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. go to school. I like school. Please bring me a doll.—Linda Sue ilding.

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ear Santa: I want a doll and wgirl suit. Thank you.—Pen- Carothers.

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ear Santa: I want a walking and a pair of boots. Thank —Janet Kelly.

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ear Santa: I want two guns a cap rifle. Thank you— vin McDowell.

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ar Santa: I want a doctor set a tiny tear doll. Thank you nnie D. Cochran.

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ar Santa: I want a motor er and a cattle truck. Thank Ronnie Wilcox.

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Dear Santa Claus: Bring me a football. Love—Junior Solis.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll and a doll bed. Love—Lydia Guitierrez.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll. Love—Linda Goodwin.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a walking doll and a Bible and a drumstick. Love — Sue Roddy.

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Dear Santa: Bring me a Davy Crockett gun and a knife.—Gary Connally.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballet doll. Love—Jean Young.

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Dear Santa: I want a bicycle and a football set. Love—John Osbourn.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a dress, a pair of shoes and a bicycle. Love—Vicki Newland.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a football and helmet. Love—John Orville Holland.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, doll buggy and a bed. Love—Joyce Fry.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballet doll. Love—Suzanne Wicker.

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Dear Santa: Bring me a bicycle.—Joe Florez.

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Dear Santa: Bring me two guns and a belt and a scabbard.—David.

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Dear Santa: I want a gun.—Rodolfo Mendoza.

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Dear Santa: I want a junior fencing kit a football and some house shoes.—Billy Banta.

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Dear Santa: Bring me a doll with hair.—Shirley Thompson.

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Dear Santa: I want a football, a basketball and a bicycle. Love —Jim Bonds.

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Dear Santa: I want a robot gun and a bicycle.—Bill Lassetem.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballet doll. Love—Belinda Woods.

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Dear Santa: I want a bicycle and a tool set. Love—Larry McCoy.

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Dear Santa: Please come to my house to see me and Jerry too.—Jeannette Brown.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old and I go to school. I like school. Please come to see me.—Marilyn

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I go to school. I like school. Please come to see me.—Victor Martinez.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I go to school. I like school. Please come.—Carol Martinez.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a farming set, record player, some records and a gun. I have been a real good boy. I love you—Dubby Jones.

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Dear Santa: I want guns and a big truck and a dig truck.—Lorenzo Rodriguez.

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Dear Santa: I want two guns and one rifle and a rubber knife. I want you to come.—Douglas Carlton.



woven cotton tweed suit by f Miami adapts to many occa- Because it's cotton, it's com- le in steam-heated buildings, e tweedy texture makes it for cold-weather wear. A suit is is an asset in any woman's she, according to the National Council, because it can be ound-the-calendar.



Good Cheer, Friends!

In this gay season of fellowship, we take great joy in saluting our valued patrons, whose friendship we truly treasure: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MILDRED'S BEAUTY SHOP

419 South Central Telephone 860



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The shining star of Bethlehem is the symbol of the spirit of Christmas we find in our hearts as we wish you, our many friends — ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON

Bailey's Dept. Store

"Where Quality Reigns"

PHONE 51 HAMLIN



Santa says, and we do, too:

Happy Holiday to all of you!

ED DODD SERVICE STATION

MOBILGAS and OILS—TIRES—TUBES—BATTERIES

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Seven Towns in United States Bear Name of Bethlehem, Christ's Birthplace

There are seven "little towns" of Bethlehem in the United States —one of which is not so little, being the city Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, more than seven times the size of the original Bethlehem in Palestine.

Thousands of Christmas cards and other greetings are sent to the post offices of Bethlehem in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland and New Hampshire for postmarks.

The star of Bethlehem not only is featured in most of the holiday cachets from these places but also figures prominently in commuity decorations. In Pennsylvania, a star 100 feet tall is lighted on the top of South Mountain above the city of Bethlehem, from where it is visible 20 miles away.

Another star of Bethlehem is mounted annually on the top of the tallest cedar tree in Bethlehem, Maryland, from where it can be seen for about three miles from that community on the eastern shore of Maryland.

In Indiana, 30 miles upstream along the Ohio River from Louisville a large silvered star, outlined in electric lights, was donated and first erected in 1945 on the tower of the Community Church of Bethlehem by a proud father because his daughter, Ruth Ann Berry, had been born in the town on Christmas Day, 1933.

The only public Christmas decoration in Bethlehem, Georgia, a hamlet of 240 population, is a star about eight feet wide, containing 160 lights, which is displayed over the business district.

Because Bethlehem, New Hampshire, is primarily a summer resort, Christmas is observed quietly by its winter population of only 430. A nativity scene is set up on the village square, but house decorations carry out the star of Bethlehem theme.

No commercial advantage is claimed for the name of Bethlehem by the postmasters, town clerks or Chambers of Commerce in these communities. At Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, "the city tries to make the Christmas observance as non-commercial as possible."

The naming of these towns naturally was based on strong religious tradition. On Christmas eve in 1741, a small band of Moravian settlers gathered in a crude log cabin on a bank of the Conocacy Creek, near where that stream joins the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania. The singing of an old Moravian hymn, "Not Jerusalem, Lowly Bethlehem!" so inspired them and their patron leader, Count Nicholas Zizendorf, that they decided to name their new world home Bethlehem.



Here's a child's Christmas gift to make from cotton bags. A "Noah's Ark" toy bag complete with wee, wild animals can fill many hours with imaginative play. The "ark" hung on a nursery wall helps relieve toy clutter, for the animals are tucked in at bedtime. Print and plain cotton bags used to package feed, flour, and other staple products offer a wide range of fabrics for making gifts.

Settlers who migrated farther from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, founded Bethlehem, Indiana, in 1912 and named the place after their Pennsylvania home town.

Bethlehem, Kentucky, was originally named Mobley Stand. When the first post office was established in December, 1862, the postmaster, one Jamison Hall, inspired by the nearness of Christmas, changed the name to Bethlehem.

Bethlehem, New Hampshire, once was called Lloyd's Hill, but in 1799, Bible minded settlers changed the name because they thought the terrain was similar to that of Bethlehem in Judea.

A pioneer settler once named Bethlehem, Georgia, but old-timers in the Maryland community say that nobody knows exactly how that town was named. It could have been because it is a peaceful and gentle place.

The present postmistress at Bethlehem, Maryland, has an appropriate name, too. It's Mary Carol. She works each night through the Christmas season until 9:00 or 10:00 o'clock and usually has to have extra help to postmark greetings.

A corner room in the home of Mrs. Lee Heyton, postmistress of Bethlehem, Kentucky, serves as a post office and her husband, daughter and two sons have to pitch in to cancel Christmas mail there. A drawing of the Three Wise Men is used to mark the mail, brought in by people of all over Kentucky.

The heaviest mail burden descends on Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where 250 extra employees are required for the Christmas season.

TOYS FROM $1 to $3,000.

Toys for children this year range from $1 picture books to $3,000 electric trains.



From all of us to all of you, go our heartfelt wishes that you may enjoy A Very Merry Christmas!

CLYDE CARROLL
Gulf Service Station
Corner of Lake Drive and Central Avenue



We hope that this Christmas season will be for you one of good cheer and gladness, rich in the joys of friendships and all the good things that make life comfortable and worthwhile.

We sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

J. C. Turner, Attorney



J. E. Patterson
ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE

Christmas Putzes Among Distinctive Features of Holiday

Christmas "putzes" are among the most distinctive features of the holiday season in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. "Putz" in the dialect of the sixteenth century Saxon meant to decorate—especially to decorate a church. And Christmas in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is largely a Moravian Christmas.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's Day the community Christmas Putz is open to the public. It is built annually by the Moravian Service Guild. It is a miniature portrayal of the nativity in which scenes are grouped under a single Christmas tree or many trees with moss as a base for landscaping.

The designer of the putz uses treasured figures of wood or papier-mache, tiny fences, gnarled stumps, rocks carefully kept from year to year, little trees and other miniatures, so arranged that the Holy Family, represented in cave or thatched stable, is always the central subject.

Weeks are spent in preparation. As early as October, the pouring of thousands of pure beeswax candles is begun. The candle-making itself is a hand process using the same methods and types of molds employed by early settlers. The tiny candles which are used in Moravian churches and homes throughout the nation, are supposed to symbolize the coming of light into the world with the birth of the Christ Child.

Alexander the Great was born in Macedonia, died in Babylon and was buried in Egypt.

THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio



"I DID do some quick thinking—but none of it was right!"

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Loosen a cake which has stuck to the pan by placing the tin over a bowl of boiling water.

An ordinary paper plate glued to the bottom of a paint can will save splatters and is much easier to move than newspapers under the can.

A dry cork will remove stains from silver or silverplate more quickly than almost anything else and it never scatches. If the cork is cut to a point it can be worked into crevices.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The name Christmas comes from the early English term Christes Maesse or Christ's Mass.

PUNCTUATED.

A pupil was having trouble with punctuation and was being called down by the teacher.

"Never mind, sonny," said Mr. Smithers, a visitor to the classroom, consolingly, "it's foolish to bother about commas. They don't mean much, anyway."

"Oh don't they?" replied the teacher. Then, calling to one of the pupils, she had the boy write this sentence on the board: "Mr. Smithers says the teacher is a fool."

"Now," she continued, "put a comma after 'Smithers' and another after 'teacher'."

Thomas Jefferson invented the sliding doors used on our street cars over 125 years ago.

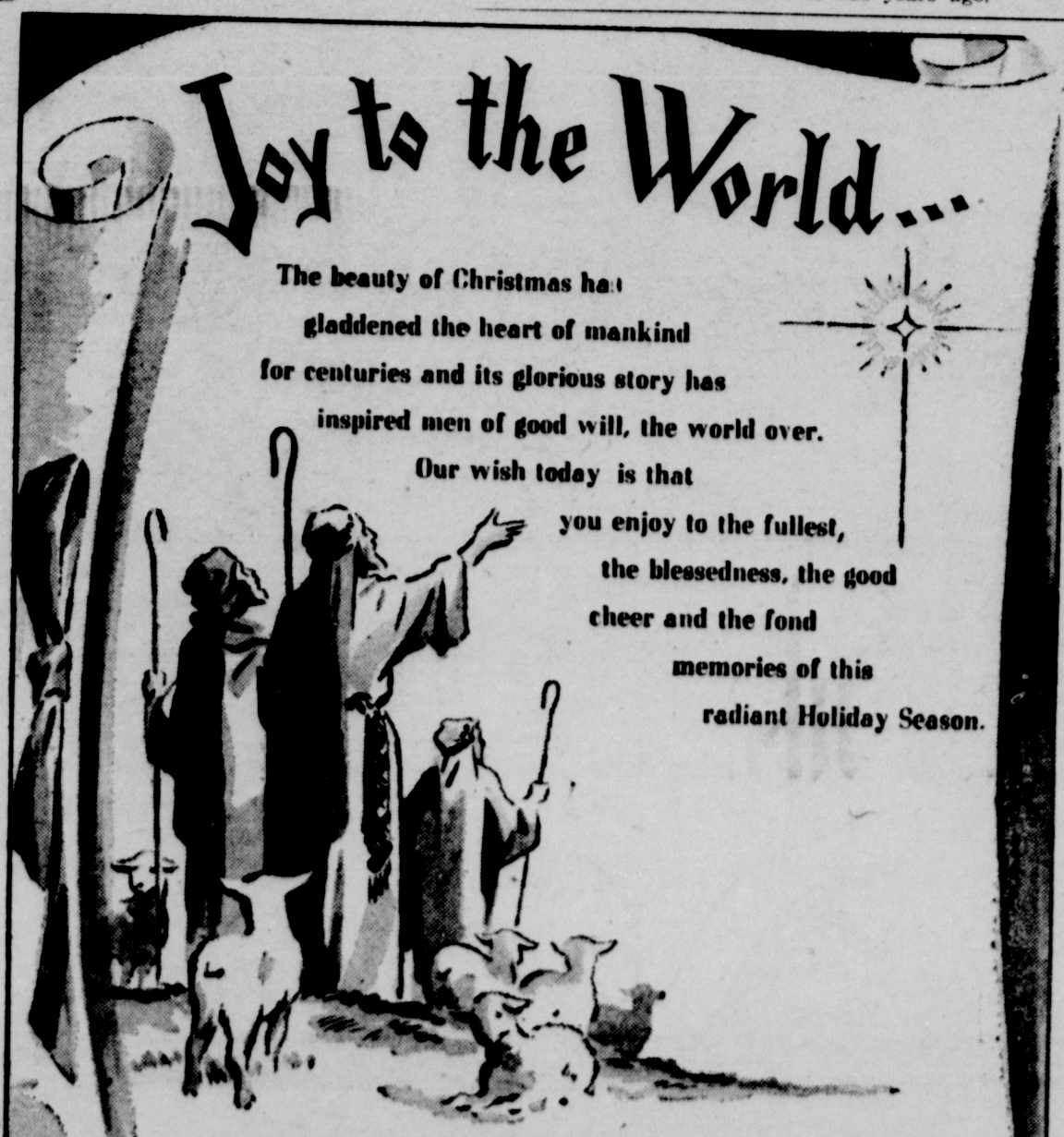


This Christmas may you have happiness and good cheer in your home... contentment and joy in your heart. And may the New Year hold for you, a full share of good health and good fortune.

LOVELL'S
SERVICE STATION
At the McCaulley Y

Joy to the World...

The beauty of Christmas has gladdened the heart of mankind for centuries and its glorious story has inspired men of good will, the world over. Our wish today is that you enjoy to the fullest, the blessedness, the good cheer and the fond memories of this radiant Holiday Season.

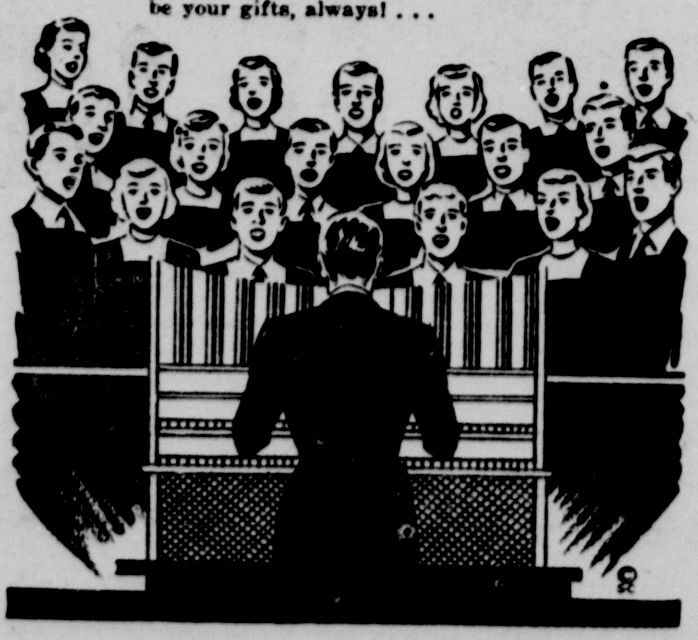


Carl Young
TRUCKING CONTRACTOR
PHONE 158



YULETIDE GREETINGS

At this Christmas-spirited time, May all of you be blessed with a bounty of happiness. . . . May peace and plenty be your gifts, always! . . .



The Book Shop
Mrs. E. M. WILSON, Owner

American Christmas Most Near Resembles Old English Tradition

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a rope, is raised for the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Chrstmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Kheen-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas.



The sheath is again one of fashion's favorite designs, the National Cotton Council reports. This slim cotton sheath by Helen Whiting features lace trim on the scoop neckline and short sleeves.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus: A want a Davy Crockett gun and holster, a football and anything else that you want to bring a good little boy.—Robin Sanderlin.

Dear Santa: I think I've been a good girl. Mama said so. Please bring me a doll, dishes, cooking things, clothes for Betty, my old doll. Don't forget to fill my stocking. I love you—Janice McCracken, Box 654, Hamlin.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a baby doll and a doll bed; also a baby monkey. I have been a good girl. Love—Sherilynne Witt, 638 Northwest Seventh.

Dear Santa: I am trying to be good. Please bring me a tricycle, a piano and a double-barrel shotgun. Bring Phillip something nice, too. Don't forget Sandra and Larry. Love—Mark Madden.

December 25 Has Been Famous for Historical Events

Chrstmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25 as the date of the birth of the Savior.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25 other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton Clara Barton and Frances Blake among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, the Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, the wreck of Santa Maria in Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan.

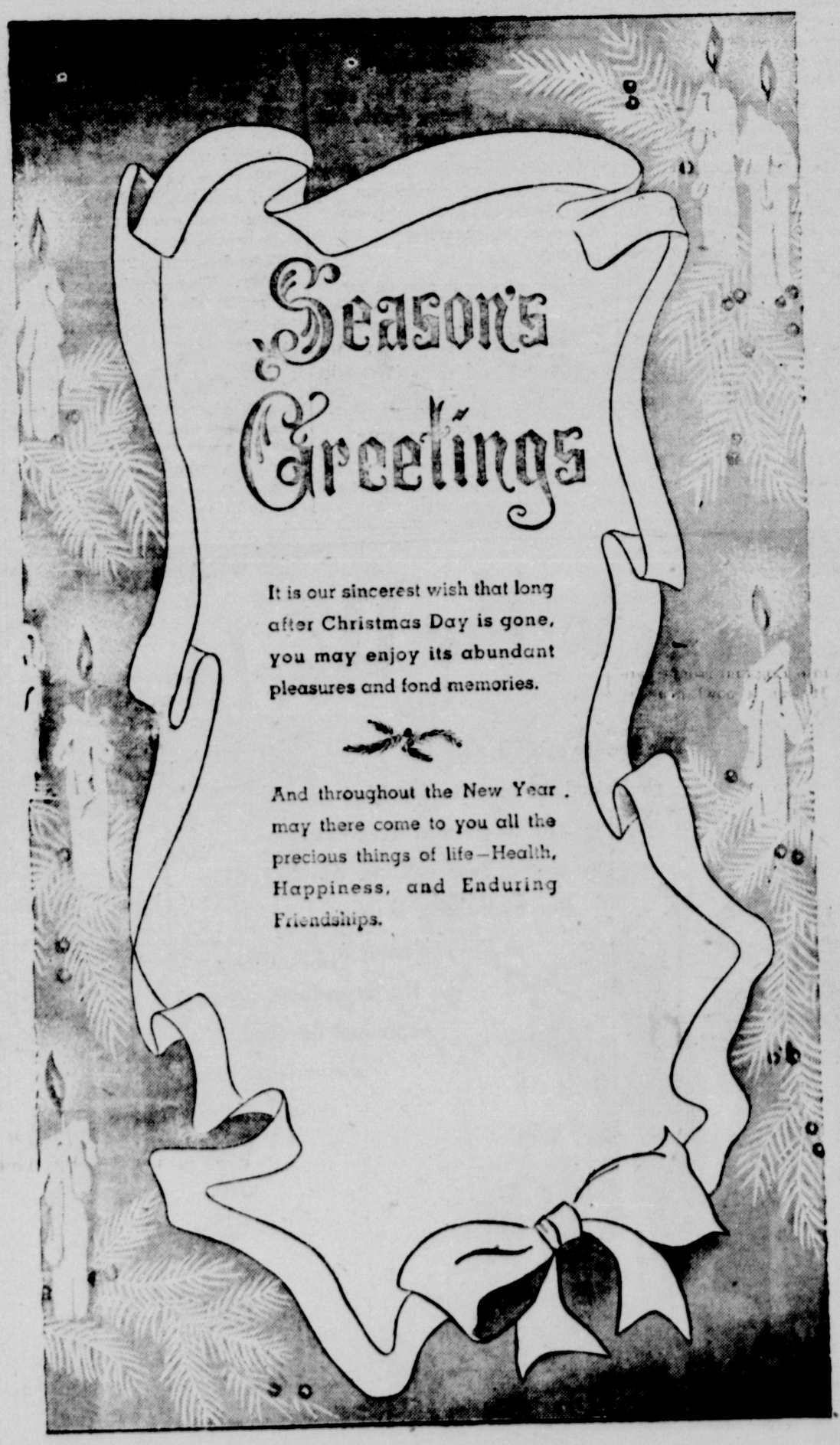
It was also on Christmas day in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington settled on Christmas day, 1847 by Peter W. Crawford.

The joy of brightening other lives, bearing others' burdens, easing others' loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas.—W. C. Jones.



Western Auto Associate Store

Claude Lancaster, Owner



Hamlin Farmers Co-Operative Gin

Southeast Avenue D Watts Fletcher, Manager



To all of our friends—go our wishes for a happy Yuletide season and a wonderful New Year. And for your patronage and good will during the past year we render our thanks.

Knabel Jewelers

EUGENE and JOYCE KNABEL

238 South Central Avenue Telephone 894

German Kids Have It Good! Santa Comes To See Them Twice at Christmastime

Germans observe Christmas now much as they did centuries ago, especially in rural sections.

They go to church, have big family dinners and exchange presents. But the youngsters have good at Christmas time. Santa Claus comes to see them twice.

He arrives first on December 6 in the role of Saint Nicholas and the second time on December 24 as the "Christmas Man."

Unlike American children, little German boys and girls don't hang up their stockings by the fireplace. They put their shoes outside the door. Then Saint Nicholas comes by—if the children have been good, of course—and leaves them some candy.

Saint Nicholas doesn't wear a red suit trimmed in white fur as Santa Claus does. Saint Nicholas wears a heavy brown fur uniform with a rope belt and leather boots. That's for his December 6 visit.

But when Christmas Eve rolls around, he shows up as the Christmas Man wearing the traditional red suit trimmed in white fur and carrying a big bag of gifts.

German Santas do not climb down the chimneys. They walk right in the front door. Maybe it's because German Santas are fatter.

And both Saint Nicholas and the Christmas Man live in the sky—not at the North Pole. They just use the North Pole as a post office address. German youngsters address their letters to "Reindeer Land, Igloo No. 1, North Pole."

PROGRESS IN DOLLS.

Along with style changes in other toys, dolls have progressed from the pretty, dumb stage, through the "Mama" and her diaper-wetting stage to the present dolls that can be fed, take a walk, do a toe dance. There's even one that will open her mouth so her little mother can fix her teeth.

COMES BY IT HONEST.

"Late again, Watkins," roared the boss. "How do you account for this persistent tardiness?"

"It's inherited," sir," answered Watkins. "My father was the late John Watkins."

JAMAICAN PLUM PUDDING.

Plum pudding is the thing for Christmas on the island of Jamaica. The poorer people bake on ovenless stoves a mixture of corn meal, cocoanut milk, sugar, raisins and a dash of rose water.



May your enjoyment of the Holidays be young in spirit and gay in heart. And may you have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

HASSEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

Next to West Texas Utilities Company

Brazos Bridge East of Anson Under Contract

As part of the bridge rebuilding and widening program being conducted all over the State by the State Highway Commission, a new bridge is being constructed on Highway 180 east of Anson.

A contract for the Brazos River bridge and approaches has been awarded to Austin Bridge Company of Dallas, which submitted a low bid of $90,143.61. The job is expected to be completed within 150 working days, according to J. C. Roberts, district highway engineer at Abilene.

THAT TOUCH OF GREEN.

Every home looks prettier at Christmas time if greens are scattered about. Wherever you can find an excuse to put a vase or bowl of evergreen branches, pine cones, holly berries, green vines, etc., take advantage of it.

ORIGIN OF WASSAIL.

Henry VII introduced the wassail bowl into England from Scandinavia. It was a bowl containing a mixture of hot ale, spices and toasted apples. A drink of good cheer, it was drunk in token of success for the coming year.



The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.

Waggoner Drug Company

"THE FUSSY PILL ROLLERS"

The Frank Waggoners and The Jerry Frank Waggoners



WALDRON SHOE SHOP

Next to Herald Office

Variety of Parties Can Add to Spirit of Christmas, But Don't Overdo Things

What is Christmas without a party?

A party, of course, can be anything from a friend dropping in for a cup of punch to a full-scale ball.

Since people's spirits are keyed to the season's whirl of activities, parties where good food and drink are dispensed can be brightened by several Christmas games.

Games can include charades finding as many words as possible in some long Christmas word like "mistletoe," and carol singing.

Always have cookies, stuffed dates, nuts or candies setting around for guests to nibble on.

When friends come in to help trim the tree, give them fruit or nut cake, sliced right in front of them.

The late Christmas Eve supper that is served before or after midnight services, or after the last ornament is on the tree, is usually a buffet meal. One traditional menu is oyster stew, a relish tray and a dessert such as pecan pie. Lots of hot coffee, of course.

If you don't plan food, you will have a punch bowl—even when its contents are nothing stronger than a fruit punch made with ginger ale. A punch bowl is one of the easiest and most gracious ways to offer guests Christmas cheer.

Above all, don't forget the children.

Children's parties should include simple, familiar foods easy to eat. Their games should let off steam at the beginning of the party and calm them down before they eat or leave for home.

For adult or child, full-course meal or just punch, the hostess or host—mustre member: It does not have to be elaborate to be fun. And don't wear yourself out in preparation to the point where you cannot enjoy the party yourself. A gracious hostess fully enjoying her guests makes a party more successful than all the extra flourishes to decorations of food.

In the Philippines, students at Christian schools serenade the wealthier families with Christmas carols, accompanied by enthusiastic tom-toms, guitars and harmonicas.

Christmas Tree First Used by German Folks

The Germans claim they originated the idea of a Christmas tree. And it was a German, according to old newspaper files, who introduced the Christmas tree in America.

The story is that a German priest who emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, set up a Christmas tree in his church in the 1840s. He was almost chased out of the church. The congregation didn't like the idea.

But a few years later, a German tailor who settled in Wooster, Ohio, started using Christmas trees, and somehow the idea caught on this time.

CHRISTMAS PIG.

The roasting of the Christmas pig is an important ceremony at Christmas in Poland and Serbia.

Door Decorations May Highlight Christmas

Cluster of shellacked fruit surrounded by green leaves makes a pretty door spray at Christmas time.

A pretty door decoration may be made by placing red cardboard over the front door panel on which are placed Santa Claus, mask belts and mittens.

A large bell makes an attractive door decoration at Christmas time. Tape it to the door with transparent tape.



THE CAKE BOX

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh (Jack) Prince

To Wish You a Happy Christmas

May joys beyond description be yours for Christmas and the New Year.

MARY'S Beauty Shop

Phone 42



Greetings

ONCE MORE, with the approach of Christmas,
We take time out to express to all our friends and patrons
our deep appreciation for the confidence placed
in us and for the loyalty shown us through the past year.
It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled
with a glad spirit and good health.

Frank's Department Store

"BEST FOR LESS"

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"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

In the holy spirit of the true Christmas, with the warmth and benevolence of His Day – we say to all our many friends – May your holiday be rich with many blessings!

R. Y. Barrow Furniture Company

335 South Central Avenue

Christmas Trees Pose Fire Hazard, Citizens Reminded

Every average American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen tree growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas Day or to leave it too long after December 25. Trees of all kinds will become inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week should take special precautions to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators and other sources of heat. When you smoke stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape should a fire occur.

NEIGH, SISTER.

A nag is a woman who has no horse sense.



Two cooks are better than one! And both cooks love their pretty, practical cobbler aprons in Everglaze cotton chintz. The little cotton aprons are gay enough for a party, but they are excellent for kitchen duty, too.

Left-Over Cranberry Sauce Best Utilized

When you serve left-over turkey creamed, garnish with apple slices spread with cream cheese topped with a cranberry turkey or other Christmas cut-outs cut from one-half inch slices of canned jelly.

For festive hot bread, add a teaspoon of cranberry jelly or sauce to each muffin batter before it is baked.

For a holiday sauce for puddings, add four tablespoons of brown sugar to a can of cranberry sauce. Heat and serve hot.

A good intention clothes itself with power.

Color May Be Added To Yule Loos by Using Modern Chemicals

If you wish to get as much "color" as possible in your Christmas ch[illegible]ve[illegible] ice[illegible]

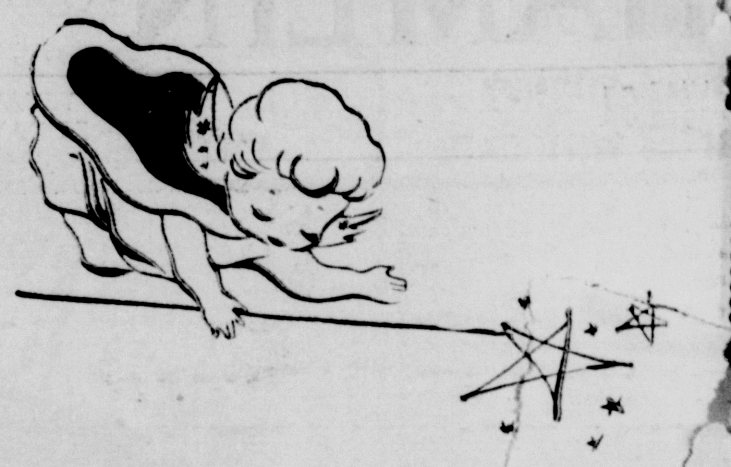
Pine [illegible]ng or chips can be so treated as to give off colored flames when burned in the fireplace. Dipped or soaked in a solution of various salts of certain metals, cones or chips will burn with a distinctive color. Cones will not readily absorb water, so salts must be suspended in a solution of turpentine.

Compounds which produce specific colors when burned are: Red—strontium chloride; green—barium chloride; blue-green—copper oxide or copper sulfate; orange—calcium chloride; lavender—potassium chloride; and yellow—sodium chloride.

A second method—if only cones are to be used—is to dip the cones in paraffin and before the paraffin hardens sprinkle with the following chemicals for desired color effect: Green—copper sulfate; red—strontium nitrate; orange—calcium nitrate; and yellow—sodium chloride.

DISCERNMENT.

The smart man is the one who knows the difference between temptation and opportunity.



To My Dear Friends and Good Customers . . .

Thank you for a wonderful year, and may God bless you all and bring you much Joy in 1956!

McMahon Jewelry

MRS. S. D. McMAHON



May your Christmas be filled to overflowing with Joy and Happiness!

V-J Plumbing

J. L. Wagoner Telephone 385



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CHEVROLET SALES AND SERVICE

33 South Central Avenue Telephone 31

...opping Gifts ...wn Chimney ...tarted with Gold

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chim... answer to this common ...bout Santa and Christmas, ...st go back to Saint Nicho... ...ponsible for so many other ... related to Christmas.

... a story about an im... ...d nobleman who was un... ...nd husbands for his three ...s because he could not ... dowry for each. He was ...o sell the daughters into ... when St. Nicholas heard ...t. Silently, Old Saint Nick ...d three bags of gold down ...mney. All three daughters ...rried and lived happily

... Saint Nicholas was ... holding three bags ...s thought that he ... 343 A. D., and his ... that for 30 days after ...ath his genial spirit roamed ...arth, filling the hearts of ...nd with love and generosity. ...ould be said that St. Nick ... Clement Moore, who wrote ...visit from Saint Nicholas' ...better known as "'Twas the ... Before Christmas") con... ...d most to our present con... ...of Santa Claus.

...t Christmas Trees ...ably Originated in ...t with Use of Palm

...end has it that the Christ... ...tree originated in Egypt, ... the first trees used were ...trees.

... Germans brought the tree ...erica, however, as they also ...uced it to England. The ...n Prince Albert, consort of ... Victoria, introduced the ...ree into England when he ... tree, for his young daugh...

...tin Luther is said to have ...t the first Christmas tree ...s for decoration, early in ...teenth century.

...n you fasten ornaments to ...ree this year you will be ...morating a centuries-old ...n legend that relates how ... blossomed and flowered ...ees miraculously bore rip... ...ruit on the eve of the first ...mas.



A snappy outfit for the coed's evening hours is designed by Harry Berger in cotton knit. For sleeping and lounging, this Tommies style combines a cotton knit top in contrasting stripes and patches with pants of a solid color.

Health Officials Warn Holiday Feasters to Keep Foods Healthful

Yuletide health hints are appropriate just now, say health officials, who make these suggestions:

With the Yuletide season approaching and the prospect of many tasty, delightful dishes in mind, let us not forget the possibility of food poisoning and its rather drastic results. Cleanliness and adequate refrigeration are the keynotes in the prevention of such an unhappy occurrence. Most food poisoning is caused by infection of certain types of bacteria which grow rapidly under favorable conditions, such as high temperature and high humidity. This infection may come from dirty hands, utensils, flies, rodents, infected food materials or contaminated water.

"Food should be purchased in a fresh state and consumed while still fresh. If food is allowed to stand hours before serving and at high temperatures, good culture media for bacteria results. Therefore, refrigeration is a necessity. If food must be prepared in advance of use, it should be cooked thoroughly and kept refrigerated below 50 degrees until used. In general, milk, ice cream and dairy products should come from approved sources."

Family Can Lighten Burdens of Mom with Help at Christmastime

The holiday whirl is about us again, and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1956!"

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the morning and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season.

It takes you to make an argument.—Anna Faye.

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Artificiality of Christmas Is Detracting From True Observance, Says Minister

Deploring the artificiality of Christmas, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., has this to say:

A well known Hollywood actress met a friend a few days before Christmas and gushed, "My dear, I am so thrilled. I have a green Christmas tree this year!"

"Darling, where in the world did you find a green Christmas tree?" asked her friend.

"Well, I'll tell you what I did. I bought a white one and had them spray it green."

Though likely this never happened, even in Hollywood, it illustrates very well the artificiality of a great deal of our present day Christmas celebration. For too many Americans, Christmas has become a hectic season of feverish shopping for gifts and cards to be exchanged with people equally busy at the same social duty to the end that all will come out even. When the last gift is opened and the last card recorded on the index, a sigh of relief escapes the harassed household. "Well, that's over for another year."

By this I do not mean to criticize or belittle the Christmas custom of sending gifts or greetings to friends and family. It can be truly in the Christmas spirit. But too often it has become an artificial custom as far removed from the real meaning and spirit of Christmas as a white Christmas tree sprayed green.

Tinsel has become for many people the symbol of Christmas. Tinsel shining in candlelight is gay and pretty. Garish yellow gold and white shimmering silver can symbolize a happy holiday but one that has little, if anything, to do with the birth of Jesus which we are supposed to be celebrating each December.

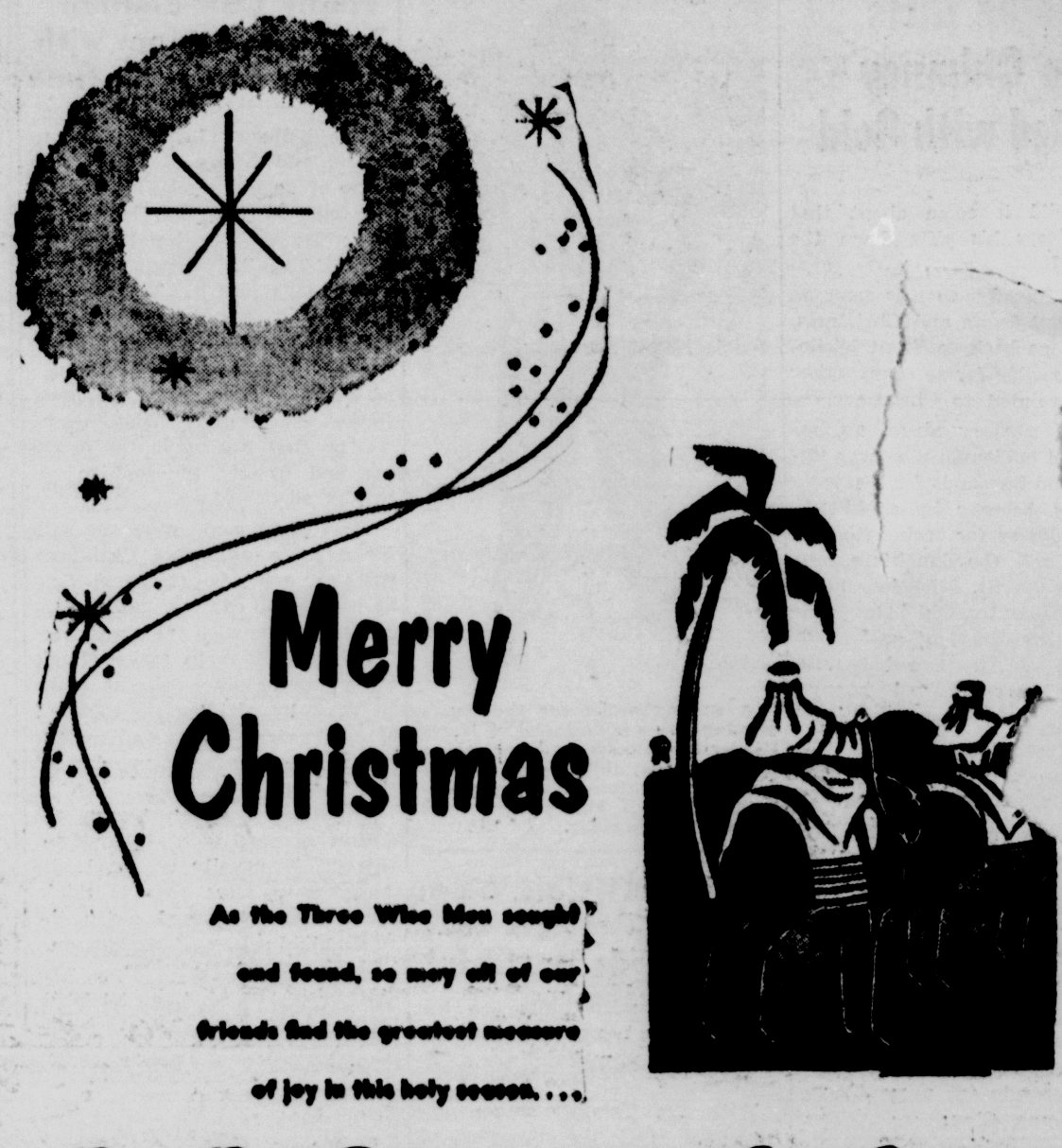
Hay is a much better Christmas symbol than tinsel. Hay is natural—it does not glitter but has a scent that sends one's thoughts and memories back to the real and simple things of life. Barns and cattle, the old farm in the country, the homestead cosy and warm against the sparkling snow and cold of Christmas Eve without; and at least three generations, sometimes four, gathered in the parlor and decorating a fir tree, cut from the wood lot, with popcorn strings and home-made paper daubles, and hanging stockings of all sizes and shapes upon the mantel-piece in expectation of Santa's later visit when the children have gone to bed.

Hay, rather than tinsel, reminds us of homely joys of an earlier, simpler life now largely fictional for most Americans. Who can hang nylons over an air-conditioning unit? How can Santa's sleigh slide over a city's asphalt streets stripped of snow?

But hay sends us back even farther and deeper into the true Christmas celebration. It was in a manger filled with hay in a shed or barn behind the crowded Inn of Bethlehem that they laid the new-born Christ Child during the darkness before the first Christmas dawn. Unless our Christmas celebration begins at the hay-filled manger it is sure to be a little hollow and somewhat artificial.

In a world filled with hate and hunger, cruelty and selfishness

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ARTIFICIALITY

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how can we be gay this Christmas? Only as we recapture the faith that God did something so important on the first Christmas that all men can rejoice however cold their night or dark their prospect this December. What specifically is this Christmas faith?

First, it is the belief that God revealed Himself in that birth in Bethlehem; that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, forever driving away the fear of God or gods that still plagues the non-Christian world.

Second, it is the response to God's gift of love which overflows from all Christian hearts sufficiently to embrace all men from every race and nation in a brotherhood of good will.

Third, it is a new vision of the wonder of every little child which puts him in the center of the human family and renews in each family circle that love which alone makes life worth the living.

Finally, it is a hope of peace among all nations despite all the darkness, despite the cruelties of all Herods, ancient or modern and despite the selfishness and greed that besets us all.

Let me, then, suggest three things to do to recapture the true celebration of Christmas in your family, even if to do them you must forego some of the things you have usually done to celebrate the holiday.

First, plan to go as a family all together to some Christmas service at your church. It may be a choral service or a holy communion on Christmas Eve or on the Sunday before the holiday. But whatever it is, be sure to go to church in order to place your whole Christmas in the only setting that can make it real and truly rewarding.

Second, find some needy person or some needy cause to whom you and your family give the very best and most expensive gift you give this year. And give the best gift to someone from whom there can be no return to you, except your own joy in being truly generous. If there is a lonely person who has no family to join on Christmas day, include him or her in your family circle. A selfish Christmas is a contradiction.

Finally, when the family is all together on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, start the custom in your house of reading aloud Luke 2:1-20. Let father or mother read the Christmas story or perhaps one or more of the older children would read it to the rest. After the reading, let all join in a Christmas carol such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem" or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." If your family can't sing very well, buy a record with the carol on it and play it on your player with all joining in. And at the end, let father lead the family in a prayer like this:

"O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem this day, may His spirit rule our hearts and lives today and always. We thank Thee for all Thy good gifts to us and to all men, for our life and love, for our friends and food, for the peace and good-will that Thou hast put into the hearts of good men everywhere, and above all, for Thy best gift of all, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. In His name, Amen."

FOR OTHER FELLOW.

A young lawyer was met by a friend as he was carrying an armful of books into court.

Said the friend, "I thought you carried all the law in your head."

"I do," said the young lawyer, "these are for the judge."



If wishes came in packages, the biggest bulge in your Christmas stocking would be our wish for a New Year of happiness!

See Regular Section of Herald Today for Christmas Menu

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Take the Family to Church on Christ's Birthday as True Observance of Day

Christmas is a day for family worship at church.

Parents who decry juvenile ways should take advantage of the opportunity to encourage youthful devotion on this Holy Day.

Families with the largest Yule-tree, the costliest gifts and the largest Yuletide celebrations are sometimes those who have lost sght of the true meaning of Christmas. They celebrate Christ's birthday in pagan fashion.

Many families get great satisfaction out of the day, more so because the entire family attends church services together. Early in the morning after the gifts are opened, a Christmas breakfast takes place and the family is off to church—youngsters prepared to thank the Lord for a new bicycle or doll, the elders praying that perhaps they will find the way clear to meet the bills.

Little tots could be taught early that Christmas is the birthday of Christ, that He was born in a stable on a straw mattress. Every small child should be familiar with this scene, and if there is a creche at church, the youngster and family might visit it together before or after services. Little ones will want to know about the Wise Men, a good opportunity to explain that frankincense and myrrh were perhaps the first gifts offered on this holy day.

Time, too, to explain Christmas symbols—how the star represents the one that shone in the East, illuminating shepherd's pastures with its strange, bright light. And how it beckoned them to the stable.

Much confusion originates in children's mind about gifts and Christmas. Many poorly endowed children feel they are cheated. If the spiritual angle is stressed to them, with the beauty of the creche played up, and the loveliness of church flowers and decorations, theirs will not seem such a hopeless Christmas.

ST. NICK'S SPIRIT LIVES.

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A. D., and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true sprit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

Christmas: Dickens Says Is Good Time, Kind, Forgiving Time

Charles Dickens once referred to Christms as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour," why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

Gifts for the office at Herald.



Greetings For Christmas

—We'll go along with Santa in wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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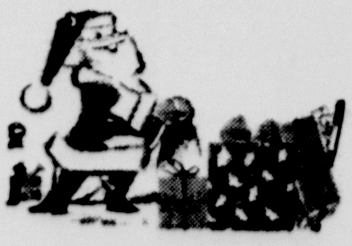
merry christmas

Once again the season of song and merriment is at hand!
As young and old raise their voices in tune with the
Christmas celebration may we add to the chorus of harmonious
greetings, a cheerful wish for all our friends.
"May you have a Yuletide of comfort and joy—a New Year of peace,
good health and continued happiness."

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Many Legends About Christmas Trees Have Existed Through the Centuries

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as Boniface, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesman were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mystic appropriate to the nativity scene.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached the tree bent its branches over the huddled little group and when danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree decessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Savior.

HERE WE GO.

The city feller was talking to his country cousin.

"Nice bunch of cows you have there."

"Not bunch; you mean herd."

"Heard what?".

"Herd of cows."

"Sure, I've heard of cows."

"No, I mean a cow herd."

"What do I care if a cow heard? I never said anything to be asham-

Christmas Mince Pie Carried Superstitions

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

SHREWD POLITICIAN.

Husband to wife: "How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any



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For a Joyous Holiday!

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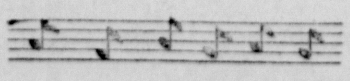
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Christmas Mailings Add to Work Load Of Post Offices with Significant Names

Christmas customs of mailing cards and gifts are headaches to all post offices. But the worst headaches occur in towns with names connected with Christmas

Although Santa Claus, Indiana, has a population of only about 250 persons the volume of mail cleared through its post office each Christmas season is estimated to be around 3,500,000 pieces.

Fort Christmas, Florida, also finds its mail volume far out of proportion to its population of 200, with some 300,000 pieces of mail to handle.

Mrs. W. N. Thorpe, who had been postmistress of Christmas Cove, Maine, resigned recently after 23 years on the job. Because her post office was closed in the winter, she used to take all Christmas cards and packages sent to her for stamping over to South Bristol and remail it. Sometimes she sent it back at her own expense, for which she was either repaid with thank-you notes or nasty letters.

The new postmistress, Mrs Catherine Sawyer, lives in South Bristol because the Christmas Cove post office is open only four months in the summer.

Many people in these communities think their town names are handicaps, but there is tradition behind each of them. Santa Claus, Indiana, was originally Santafee. A combination town meeting and Christmas party was staged in 1852 to change that name because there was another Santafee in the state. Because of the children's shouts for Santa Claus to hurry with their gifts, that name was selected.

Fort Christmas, Florida, was established by the Army during the second Seminole War and finished on Christmas Eve—hence its name.

Progress is nothing more than the slow process of falling in line with the schemes of minorities.

CLIMAX TO TALE.

The aviation instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work, concluded:

"And if it doesn't open—well, gentlemen, that's what is known as 'jumping to a conclusion'."

LIST INCOMPLETE.

Teacher—"Students, make a list of the 11 most important Americans. Now read your list, Jimmy."

Jimmy—"I'm not quite finished yet, teacher—can't decide on the fullback."

KINDNESS ITSELF.

Mother—"Before you get serious with that boy friend of yours, be sure he is always kind and considerate."

Daughter—"Oh, I'm sure of that, mother. Why, only the other day he told me that he put his shirt on a horse that was scratched."



A Happy Christmas to you!

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It's Christmas! And there's fun all around...
we see it in the merry gleam in people's eyes
...in the festive air of mistletoe and holly pinned up about the house.
We see it, too, in the gay gift wrappings strewn 'round
and in the tinsel and shining lights that decorate Yuletide trees.
And we express the fun and good will of this holiday season with our own joy-filled wish for you...
that this be truly the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year of all!

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I want a doll house and a farm set and a record player. Thank you—Cindy Ann Todd.

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Dear Santa: I want a baby buggy and a ballet doll. I have a little brother who wants a train.—Margaret Johnson.

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Dear Santa: I want a dolly. I want some shoes. I like school.—Sandra Fudge.

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Dear Santa: I want a cap gun and some caps.—Jimmy Niedecken.

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Dear Santa: I want a pair of guns and a cowboy hat and some chaps.—James Josey.



Grammar girls take a cue from glamor girls and pick cottons styled with the long torso line. This little Cinderella frock in big, bold turquoise, navy, and red plaid cotton has the long torso just like the big girls are wearing. White collar and cuffs with red piping accent the plaid.

Dear Santa: I want a doll. I have a little sister and a big brother. Please come to our house on Christmas Day. Signed—Helen Sue Moore.

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Dear Santa: I want a Davy Crockett suit and two guns. A Merry Chistmas!—Dennie Weaver.

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Dear Santa: I want an electric train and a slide. I am six years old. I like school.—Sammy Ferguson.

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Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I go to school. I like school. Please come to see me.—Betty Marentes.

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Dear Santa Claus: Would you please bring me a Davy Crockett suit and socks? Love—Charles Joiner.

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Dear Santa Clau: Please bring me a record player and a cabinet if you can.—Dovey Sue Sanders.

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Dear Santa: I want a cavalry set and an electric train. I love you—Bobby Moore.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll with wavey hair and blue eyes and some skates. Love—Alanna Jo Kennedy.

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Dear Santa: I want a Rin-Tin-Tin set and a cavalry hat, size six. I love you—Glen Nix.

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Dear Santa: I want a cowgirl suit and a buggy. Love—Vickie Acklin.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me some dishes and a cabinet. I love you, Santa—Lewis Smith.

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Dear Santa: I want a cowgirl suit and a walkie-talkie doll. Love—Brenda Kay Hoskins.

Dear Santa: I want two guns and one truck.—Victor Rangel.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and dishes. Love—Bobbie Nell Everton.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and dishes. Love—Carolyn McHugh.

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Dear Santa: I want a little house and a doll. Love—Celia Gonzales.

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Dear Santa: I want a truck and two guns. Love—Paul Flores.

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Dear Santa: I want a cowboy suit and two guns.—Joe Adams.

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Dear Santa: I want a teddy bear and Super Man clothes. Love—James Watkins.

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Dear Santa: I want an electric train and a steam shovel. Love—Frank Jenkins.

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Dear Santa: I want a cowboy suit and a football. Love—Rodney Dominey.

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Dear Santa: I want two guns and a cowboy suit. Thank you.—Raymond Nichols.

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Dear Santa: I want a sewing machine and a doll for my doll collection. Thank you—Revonna Kay Robertson.



Now, at this gay time, we are pleased to greet those whose friendship we prize: Our best wishes to you!

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ost of Christmas Celebrations Have lessings of Ministry of Modern Day

Santa Claus grew up next door to a church. And he has friends in the pulpit.

Although some critics argue tha[t] non-relig[ious] features like S[anta] really belong in [the] , the jolly old fellow gets pproving nod from the Chris- ministry.

is part of the whole cher- tradition," says Dr. Jesse astor of the Village Pres- Church in New York.

right there in Greenwich is where Santa—or St got his start in a poem ears ago about the "Night e Christmas."

d Dr. Stitt:

hat may seem to some to be ccessories of Christmas real- hrough the ages have given the traditional day of Christ."

tinseled trees, heaps fts, dangling mistle- nuts and big, fra- may not be speci- ous in nature, but become part of the

e customs of Christmas are Christmas itself," Dr. Stitt said.

"They enhance the story of the star, the manger, the Wise Men from afar and the message of those who sang peace on earth, good-will to men."

Through the centuries, Christmas has taken on many adjuncts and customs that weren't part of it at first, and which are themselves not derived from scripture or church.

"In fact," Dr. Stitt noted, "in the early days of Christianity the first Christians appropriated customs from pre-Christian celebrations and put a Christian interpretation upon them."

Probably the oldest initial Christian practice is that of gift-giving, which goes back to that first Christmas in Bethlehem when the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child.

"The love and good-will that animates the giving of gifts today," Dr. Stitt said, "is but an outward expression of what Christians through the centuries have felt about the birth of Christ—that it was the great gift of the world."

But what about those decorations? All those glowing lights, colored streamers, peppermint sticks and shining tinsel that festoon the tree and the rooms? Are those truly part of the Christmas spirit?

Well, the use of green trees to decorate homes first got started back in the Roman Empire is a custom of pagan holidays. But the tradition also has Christian origins in the legend of St. Joseph of Arimathea.

It is said that he planted his staff in the earth, and that thereafter the staff brought forth leaves and blossomed in beauty every Christmas.

"Things like the Christmas tree help preserve the occasion in our minds," Dr. Stitt said. "They give us memories that last through the years—an image or picture that we can put our finger on."



orful cotton "at home" sep- show their Spanish influence ococo braid trim on the pants ows of ruffles on the blouse. im fitting pants are in cotton een and the blouse is of lus- cotton. They are designed by of Miami.

EXIT TROUBLE.

Grandma was giving the recent bride a heart-to-heart talk.

"Child, I hope your lot's goin' t' be easier than mine," she said. "All my wedded days I've carried two burdens—pa and the fire. Every time I've turned to look at one the other has gone out."

Saint Nicholas Was Bishop of Myra When He Performed Miracle

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Sant" Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Stint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were en route to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.

LITTLE DIFFERENCE.

Frantic Father—"Really, my dughter, you shouldn't go out with men that you are not formally introduced to."

Daughter—"What difference does it make? They both act the same way when you get out with them."

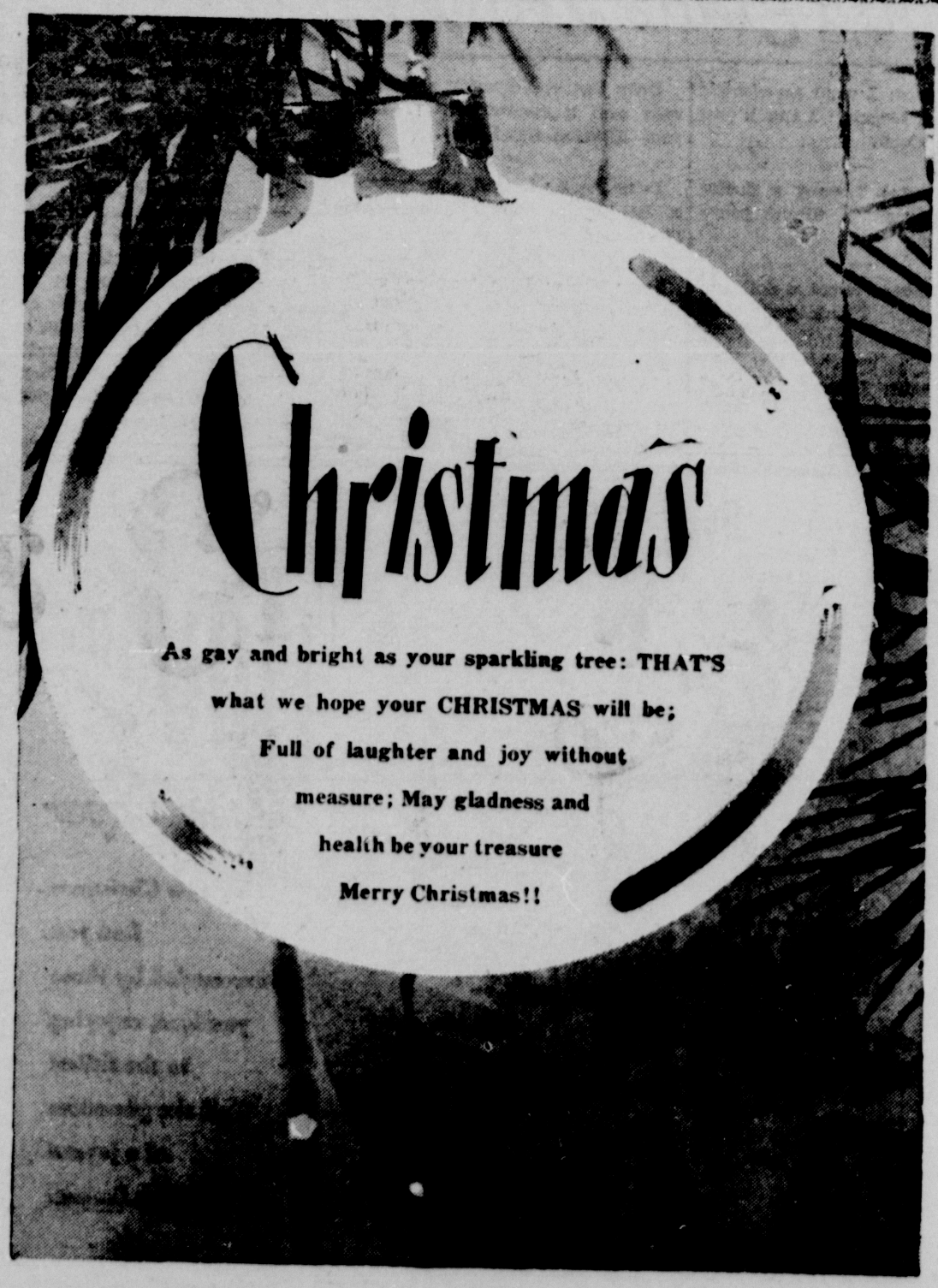


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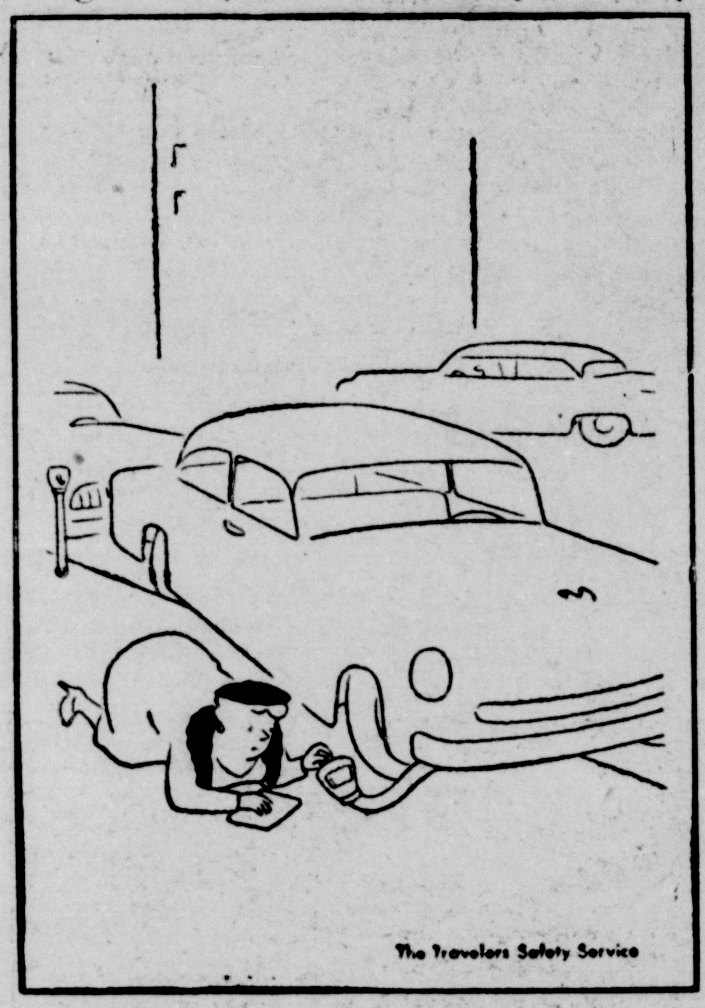


Merry Christmas

Each of us here send to each of our many loyal customers the warmest wishes of the Yule Season . . . "Serving you has been a real pleasure."

Limit Cafe

Misguided Missiles by Chon Day



The Travelers Safety Service

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I want an electric train and a bicycle. I thank you —Charles Cook.

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Dear Santa: I want a doctor case and toy stove. Thank you—Ida Ingram.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and a toy duck. Thank you—Cora Rodriguez.

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Dear Santa: I want a pair of skates and an Army truck. Thank you—Rodger Jones.

Dear Santa: I want a make-up case and a doctor set. Thank you—Rheaina Sanderlin.

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Dear Santa: I want a train and a BB gun. Thank you—Billy Cooper.

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Dear Santa: I want a rifle and some candy. Thank you—Danny Contreras.

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Dear Santa: I want a walking doll and a ball. Thank you—Carolyn Whitley.

Dear Santa: I want a purse and a doll. Thank you—Joy Bond.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and some candy. Thank you—Jan Solis.

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Dear Santa: I want a BB gun and a toy train. Thank you—Danny Pope.

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Dear Santa: I want a football and some candy. Thank you—Ruben Merentes.

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Dear Santa: My little brother and I want the following: Junior fencing set and Davy Crockett set, hutch football helmet, Jack Dempsey boxing gloves, and Roy Rogers house shoes.—Billy Banta and Thomas.

Dear Santa Claus: Please come to see me at my granddaddy and grandmother's house, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hopper. I want a red wagon, a tricycle and a horse. Please come see Jane, too. Yours truly—Jo Jo Hopper of Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a negro doll and a buggy and bring my cousin Jo Jo a tricycle and a stick horse and a little red wagon. He is visiting me, so please leave him some toys at my house. And don't forget to visit my brother, Hub Hopper, who is in the Army in France. I am hoping to see you. I am two years old.—Jane Hopper.

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Dear Santa: My name is Vickie Walker., I am four years old. I try real hard to be a nice little girl. I would like very much to have a bride doll. My little brother is two years old. His name is Hal Jr. He would like a red tractor like the one Pa-Pa Sellers has. Has has been a good boy. Please, Santa, if it is possible would you please come to our house a few days early so we can go to Hamlin and spend Christmas with Moger, Pa-Pa, our aunts, uncles and little cousins; Thank you—Vickie and Hal Walker, 5403 Anita Street, Dallas.

A HEART-FELT SENTIMENT

This time of year, as we count our blessings, we always recall our many faithful friends. To those of you whom we were honored to serve, and helped us achieve such a successful year -- we say, with pride and gratitude

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Brown's Cash Store

"SINCE 1927"

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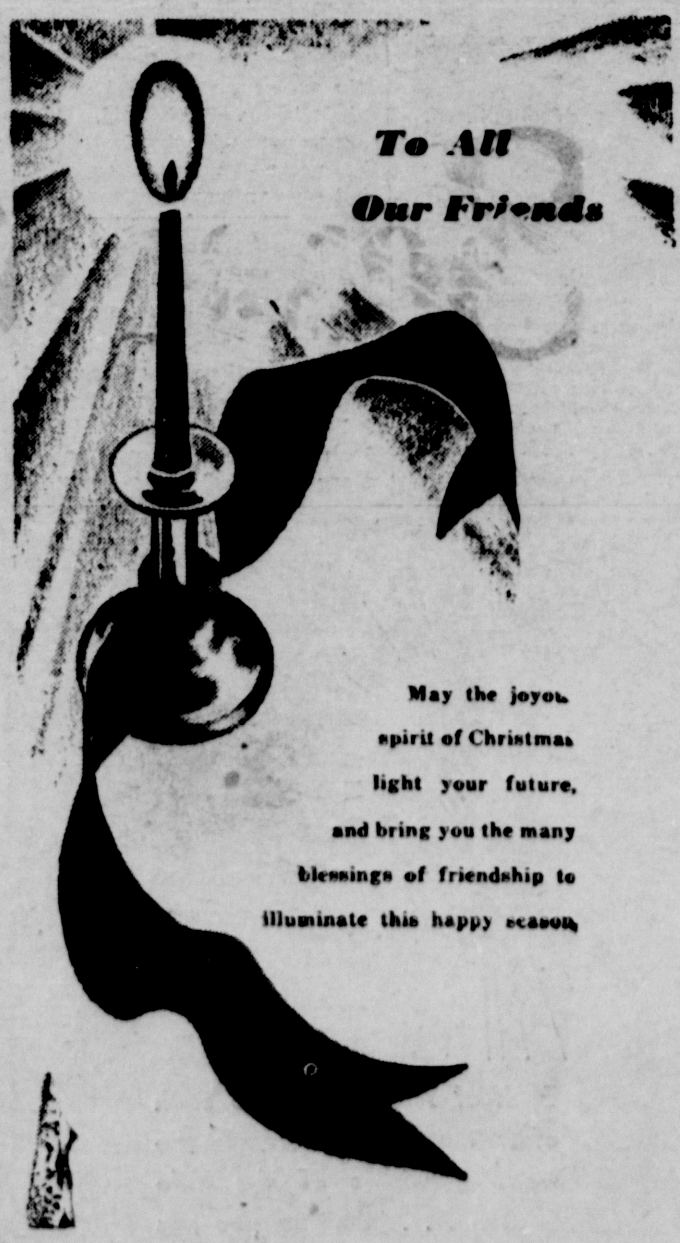


A HOLIDAY of Good Cheer

May this Christmas find you surrounded by those you love, enjoying to the fullest all the pleasures of a joyous Holiday Season.

B. W. Niedecken, Trucking Contractor

30 South Central Avenue Telephone 205



To All Our Friends

May the joyous spirit of Christmas light your future, and bring you the many blessings of friendship to illuminate this happy season.

Farmers Co-Op Station

248 East Lake Drive——Hamlin

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I am a little boy two years old. Please bring me a rocking horse, guns and pull toy. I have been real good. Love Mike Jones.

Dear Santa: I want a ballet doll and a piano.—Lynn Brannon.

Dear Santa: I would like a Super Man costume and a bicycle.—Larry Sears.

Dear Santa: I have three brothers and two sisters. We would like for you to visit us and make our Christmas merry.—Juanita.

Dear Christmas: I heard the bells Christmas night. I hope you come and bring a doll for ... I have two brothers and one ... Happy Santa—Louise Lu-

...ters wh...

...ear Santa: I like school. I ... a little sister.—Sammy Carr ...r.

Dear Santa: We are cousins. We have had big fights all year because our Christmas presents were different. But we are sorry. We won't fight any more if you will please bring us a doll and a record player just alike. Thank you—Dianna Crowley and Lara Lee.

Dear Santa Claus: I love you Santa Claus, and I love your make-up and your wife and I love your reindeer. I wish you luck, Santa Claus, this Christmas. And I hope the animals luck. I like you, Santa Claus. Charles Ray Prewit.

Dear Santa Claus: I'd like very much to see you. But I would like for you to bring be a doll and a watch and also a dish washing set. I love you very much. Your friend—Christy Wallace.

Handy Jim's FIXIN-UP TIPS For the Home

Floor Protector

TOUGH on the floor and rug are a baby's rocker, bouncing chair and similar playthings. However, there's an easy way to protect a floor or floor covering.

Simply take a panel of Masonite ¼" Tempered Presdwood, available at lumber yards, round



the corners and slightly bevel the edges with a sandblock, sander or file, and you'll have a protecting base for baby's frolics.

This panel is wonderful for little children to be around, as it has no splinters and its surface is extremely smooth. Also, it's moisture-resistant and easily kept clean.

When the baby's in the high chair, slip the Masonite mat under it, too. Spilled food won't hurt it a bit.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a Princess Mary doll and a doll buggy. Would you bring me a surprise? My sister wants a Toni doll and a dart game. Would you bring my sister a surprise? I will have some cookies for you and some milk. Love—Jacklyne and Jill Fryar, 311 Northwest Avenue H, Hamlin.

Dear Santa: I love you very, very much. Thank you for the swing set last year. I wish you a happy Christmas, Santa. This year I want an electric train. It is at Western Auto in Hamlin. It is a steam engine and it smokes. I love my mother and daddy and my brother. I love my kitty, whose name is Georgy. I have been a good boy all the time. I think Christmas is the best time because Jesus was born then. Love—Charles Egger.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. Please bring me a Jim Dandy set and a Winkie-dean set. Love—Randy Smith.

Dear Santa: I want a gun and a truck. Thank you—John Lujan.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a football, a helmet and a Robert the Robot. I have been a good boy. I love you—Mike Murphree.

Dear Santa: I am a boy of four years. Will you please bring me a moving van, steam shovel, Davy Crockett rifle and a drum. Remember the other boys and girls. I'll be waiting for you. Love—John Charles Hix, 630 Northwest Avenue F, Hamlin.

Dear Santa: I would like for you to bring me a bicycle with a basket on it. With love and a Merry Christmas. Good-bye—Danny Cary.



Hamlin Paint & Body

217 East Lake Drive——Hamlin, Texas



Greetings

May the serenity and happiness of the Joyous Christmas Season last you forever! This — is our good wish to our many loyal customers whom we have so enjoyed serving!

Farmers Co-Op Gin of Neinda

John R. Brown, Manager Neindo, Texas



Christmas Greetings

A. E. (Bud) Killion

Water Hauling Contractor

S & K Welding Shop

On Anson Highway

Mexicans Warm Up to Christmas with Series of Religious Festivals and Parties

Mexicans warm up for their Christmas gaiety with a series of nine parties which comprise the busiest social season of the year.

The parties are called "posadas" because of their original religious significance. "Posada" means inn and each of the parties supposedly re-enacts the search by Mary and Joseph for a lodging in Bethlehem.

Guests assemble outside the house and sing the traditional "posada" song in which they ask for shelter. The host, taking the part of the innkeeper, tells them in song that he has no room. The guests in another verse repeat their request and the host finally opens the door to them.

Actually the whole ceremony is seldom carried out except at posadas given by religious organizations. In other parties, the only true posada note is the singing of the traditional song. The rest of the party is like any other Christmas party anywhere.

The Catholic Church every year fulminates against the secular posadas, which are usually marked by heavy drinking. To some extent the church has been able to half the singing of the more religious parts of the posada song at this type of party.

Posadas are given on any of the nine nights before Christmas. In many groups each member gives a posada on one of these nine nights. In a traditional Mexican family, the host for the next posada is chosen by lot. In the "rosca de Reyes" the traditional Christmas sweet bread, rather like a coffee cake, a small china doll is baked. Whoever gets the doll in his piece of the bread is supposed to give the next party.

Presents are not a feature of the posada, which is rather a way of being sure of seeing friends around the Christmas season.



Something new in luggage is this smart cotton-coated group by Amelia Earhart. Individually designed with handsome monograms, the luggage features initials that are woven into the cotton-coated fabrics before the cases are constructed.

Christmas Carols Are Among Oldest Forms of Music

Christmas carols are among the oldest known forms of music. St. Francis of Assisi is generally credited with having started the custom of singing and dancing around a crib. But his exact song seems to have been lost in antiquity.

Historians say that dancing in the churches was outlawed in 589 A. D., and persisted in some places until the Council of Avignon in 1209. But the singing of carols lived on.

Although these songs are called carols in English, they are the same as the "noels" of France and the "Wiegenlieder" of Germany. Originally composed for dance tunes to be sung around the crib, as some of the famous Latin Christmas hymns, they have more recently been dedicated to members of the composer's family.

Phillips Brooks wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem" for his three pieces.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was originally "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," composed by Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century.

No one seems to know who wrote the original words of "Adeste Fidelis," but the English translation, "O, Come All Ye Faithful" was the work of John Reading.

Generals Lee and Grant fought on the same side in the Mexican war.

Farmers Looking For Better Ways to Adjust Production

Farmers are looking for better ways of adjusting production to market demand, Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said recently at the annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau at Fort Worth.

The national farm leader denounced failure of government crop control programs to protect producers of crops which are not under marketing quotas.

"Under present programs," Shuman said, "we restrict the acreage that may be planted to certain crops, but we let farmers use the acres that are taken out of controlled crops for the production of other things. This merely spreads the surplus problem. It does not solve it."

He pointed out that free use of diverted acres means increased supplies of such crops as oats, barley, grain sorghums and soybeans, and in the long run it means increased production of livestock and livestock products.

John Adams was the first U. S. ambassador to England.

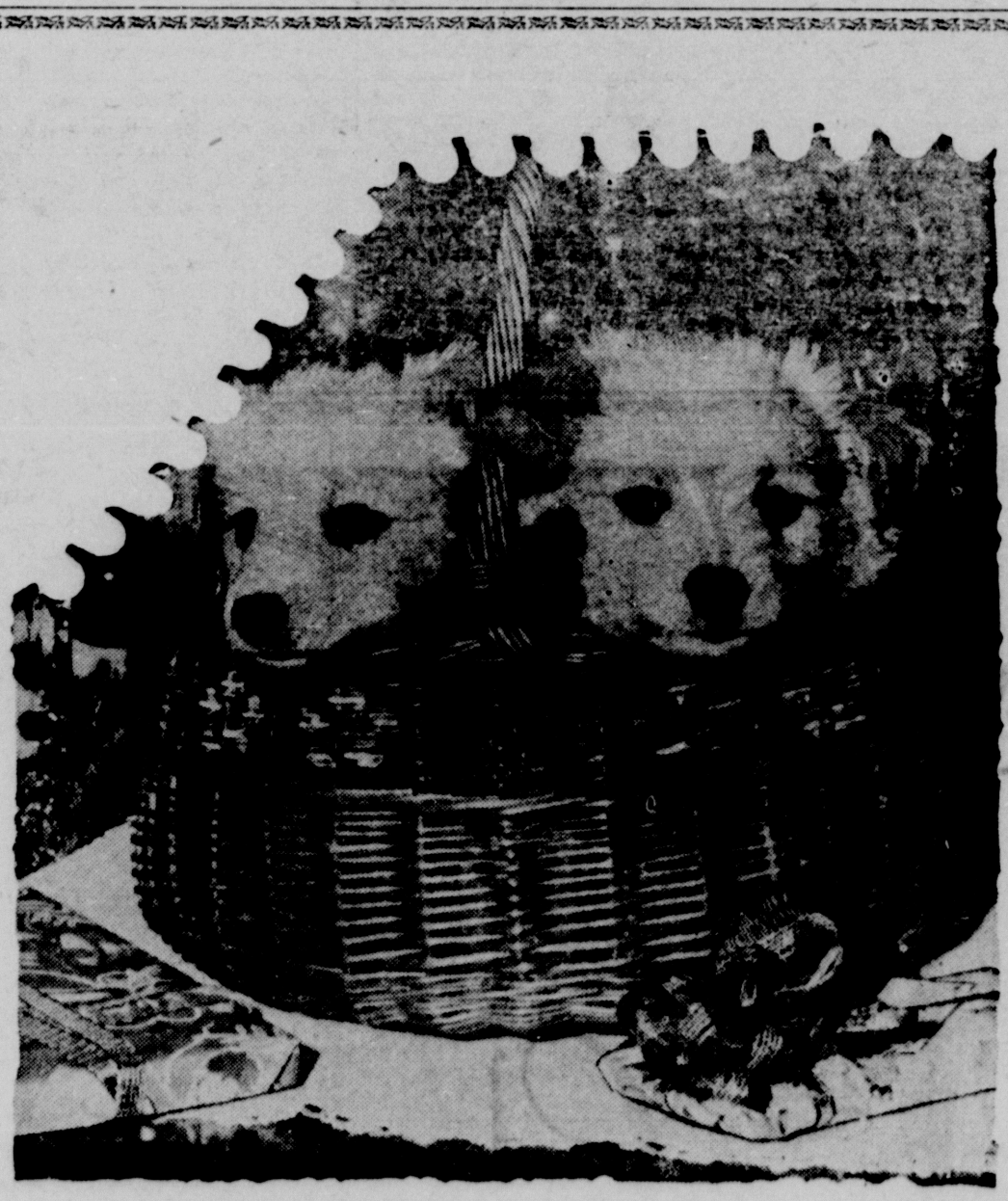


We extend our gratitude to our loyal customers whom we have so enjoyed serving — May Christmas bring you many blessings!

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Mar-Ket Poultry & Egg

Your Feed Supply Headquarters



To those friends whose patronage we have so well enjoyed — and to those whom we hope to serve in the future we send greetings and good wishes ★★ for

a dog-gone Good and Merry Christmas!

Simpson Fine Foods

Out of the High Rent District North Central Avenue



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Once again we pause from business details to honor our many fine customers and friends. Gratefully we say: Thanks, and merry Christmas.

Lee Hastings Service

TEXACO PRODUCTS

Game Sessions for All the Family Can Add Much to Enjoyment of Christmas

This Christmas there's a strong trend to make family game sessions yield dividends of useful knowledge that will ease homework sessions throughout the [illegible] Money is one that imparts the fascination of high finance speculation on the basics of simple arithmetic.

Go to the Head of the Class provides board game quiz fun at three different levels to cater to the growing number of children the average family is sending simultaneously to grade school.

Current events assignments on the school front have sparked wide sale of news-quiz games like Swayze that's based on international time clocks.

The can't-read-and-write set has gotten special attention from game inventors. This Christmas kindergartners will definitely outdo the kibitzer class when the family gathers for board game competition.

Chuggedy Chug, for example, first to use a locomotive style turn-table, is one of a number of new games slanted at the four-to-12 age span. Each player runs a train and the winner is the first to route his locomotive to the turn-table. Annie Oakley, also geared to the four-to-12 age group, uses a frontier style chase as the basis of competition. Driv-Ur-Self bases competition on manipulating a car over a moving highway according to proper traffic rules.

TV is credited with booming a wide variety of games that reproduce big time sports in miniature parlor versions. Poosh-M-Up Ice Hockey provides realistic puck action for players. Slugger, a new baseball game for winter training, gives the parlor batter full control of slugging action. Basket, another new sporting game for the fireside, reproduces realistic basketball action.

English Gave Roses as Early Christmas Gifts

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

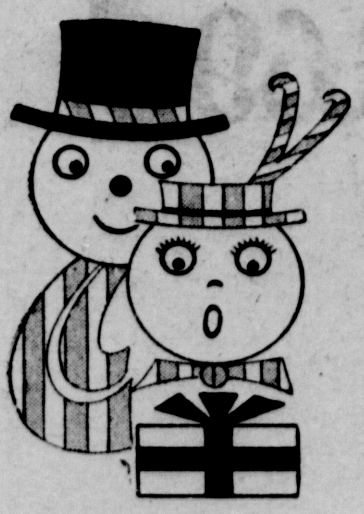
It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its Mighty Founder was a Child Himself.—Charles Dickens.

FOLLOW THROUGH.

Crawford—"A good deal depends on the formation of early habits."

Blackwell—"I know it; when I was a baby my mother hired a women to wheel me about, and I've been pushed for money ever since."

Men always have hope of a better world when they see the miracle of Christmas.—Charles Wells.



We hope your home will be full of gifts of good luck and good cheer throughout the year!

Bill Carter
PLUMBER
Phone 399 Hamlin

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Hudson's Garage and Electric Shop
129 South Central Avenue



DR. and MRS. MARSHALL L. SMITH,
MARK, MIKE and GARY

Danish Post Office Clerk Conceived Idea of Gay Stamps

A Danish postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans have received letters from their local chapters of the National Tuberculosis Association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish post office, conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages the sale of whch could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers, and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Lousie was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Emily Bissell, started the first American seals that year.

REASON ENOUGH.

Doctor—"I've examined you thoroughly, and I can't seem to find the cause of your illness. It might be due to drinking, however."

Patient—"Oh, that's all right, Doc. I'll come back sometime when you're sober."



Merry Christmas

And greetings of the season! We hope that you and all of our loyal customers enjoy this wonderful Yule to the very utmost!

CARTER'S VARIETY STORE

351 South Central Avenue

In the Reverent Mood of This Holy Christmas Time

The Spirit of Christmas belongs to everyone - its sacred trust of friendship and good-will know no boundaries of race or creed. It is with this in mind, we say to all -- May you and yours find this Christmas bright with cheer and the blessings of warmth and benevolence! . . . To you -- our loyal customers and friends - We wish a Happy Holiday!

The Management and Personnel of——

MALOUF'S DEPARTMENT STORE

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Christmas...



With sincere good wishes that this Christmas may bring you such Peace and Joy as the shepherds found when our Saviour was born...

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

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Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Evergreens Used For Christmas Tree Need Protection

It won't be a chilly Christmas for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside decorations expected to be even more popular than in past years.

It's nice to have bright decorations outside, tree experts say, but too many home owners give their home grounds evergreens a hot foot while stringing them wit hoverly-powered brilliant colorama.

They offer this advice to protect trees while utilizing them to the best advantage in achieving that beautiful outdoor display:

Use only electrical fixtures designed to be strung on outdoor trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-witts. They're strong enough to be gay and colorful, yet do not generate enough heat to burn foliage even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine if needles or foliage are turning brown in vicinity of lights. If so, rearrange the lights. Not even a beautiful light display is worth marring valuable evergreens that are a source of beauty the year round.

EVIDENT FACT.

Visitor (to host's little daughter)—"How do you know it's the first of the month, dear?"

"'Cause all daddy's letters have got front windows in them."

MAKE TO FIT.

The average man's arm is 28 inches long. The average woman's waist is 28 inches around. You just can't beat nature, can you?



The Italian influence is seen in many new fashions for men this year. Popular Italian-style chest stripes and collar are featured in this all-cotton sports shirt by Puritan Sportswear. It's practical, too, for it is made of Dan River's Wrinkl-Shed cotton.

Christmas Observance Once Was Forbiden By English Law Decree

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule log, the coral-singer and the wassailers?

During the reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas Day was sacrilegious. Parliament on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas Day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in the churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

Poinsettia Introduced To America by Early Ambassador to Mexico

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Robert Poinsett.

Poinsett was U. S. ambasaador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he had achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew this unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

DOING IT HARD WAY.

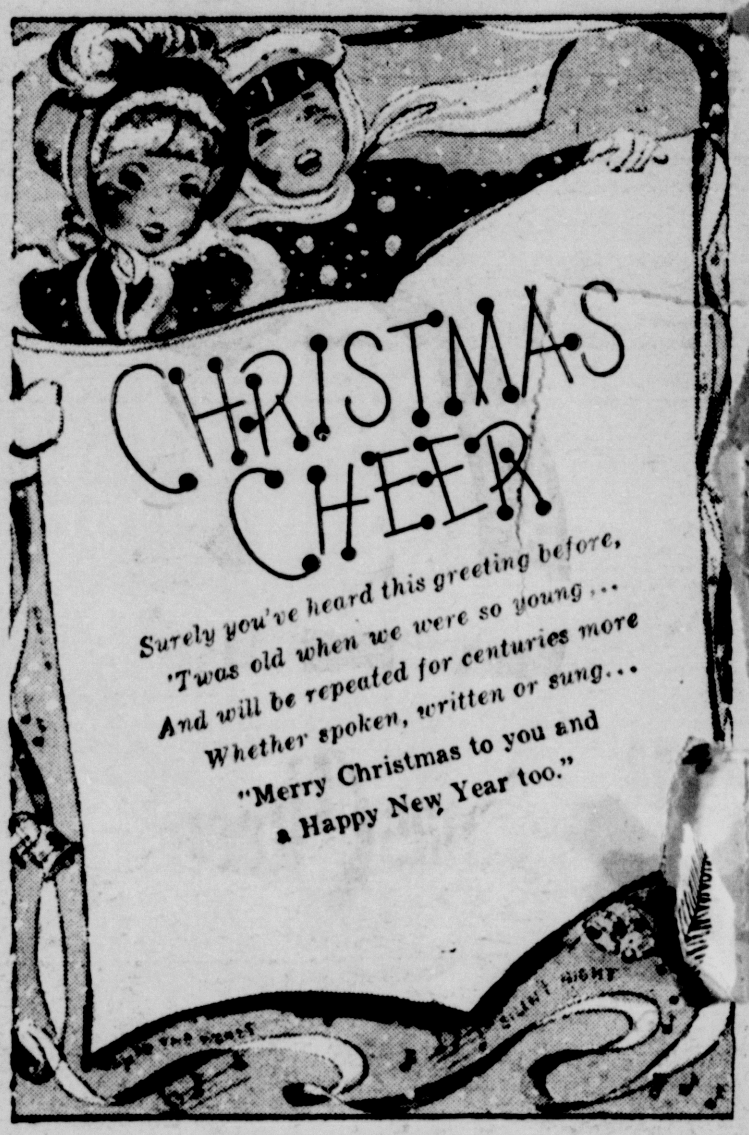
Rifle Instructor—"How come you got five bull's-eyes? The range is 800 yards, but your sights are set for 400 yards?"

Mountaineer Rookie—"See that rock halfway down there? Well, I'm bouncing them off that."

PAST THAT STAGE.

"I don't think I look 40, do you, dear?"

"Why no . . . not any more."



StyleCleaners

126 South Central Avenue——Telephone 20



It's traditional with us to greet our friends at Christmas time in the spirit of good will and merriment that marks the season. And this year is no exception!

Our wish today is that your Holidays be filled with rounds and rounds of good cheer and contentment. And may your New Year be one of prosperity and achievement.

Burgess Oil Company

Wholesale—COSDEN PRODUCTS—Retail

At McCaulley Y Hamlin, Texas



Christmas Blessings

On Christmas Day and throughout all the days of the coming New Year may the blessings of Peace, Good Will and Happiness be with you and your beloved ones.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Seals, Carol and Henry

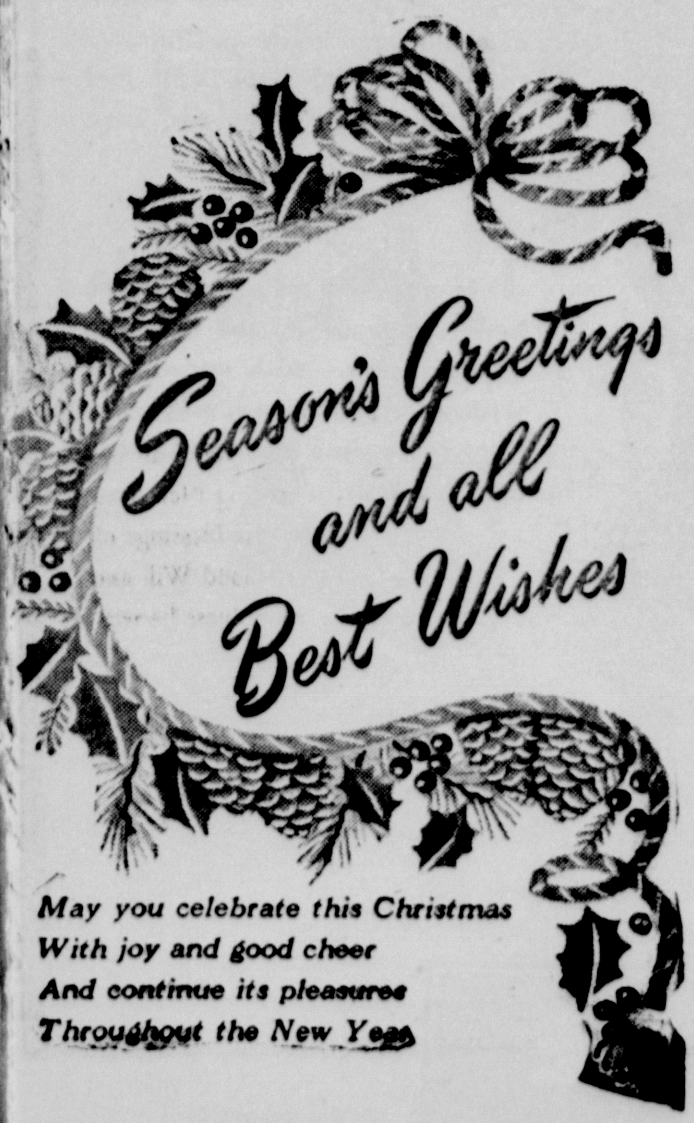


Christmas Cheer

...ppy holiday to all! We are grateful for your ...yalty in the past and wish you and all your loved ones — *A Very Merry Christmas!* . . .

Hamlin TV and Supply

Corner of South Central and Fourth Street



Season's Greetings and all Best Wishes

May you celebrate this Christmas
With joy and good cheer
And continue its pleasures
Throughout the New Year

Hamlin Auto Parts

BOB RIDDELL, Owner

...5 South Central Avenue Telephone 393

Christmas, Early Banned in England Never Restored

Christmas was outlawed in En...nd by the Puritan governme...f England in 1643, and, althoug...he restoration of the Stuar...brought a revival of Christma...customs and traditions, Christm...never regained its former prestig...in England.

It is observed religiously in th...churches and as a day for famil...reunions and social gatherings, i...contrast to the lavish feasting an...boisterous merry-making of older times.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however on December 26, which is Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day ante-dates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, "Christmas boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's Day.

Thus, the children receive their presents, in boxes, as do old servants, the postman and everyone else. And reminiscent of the Roman Saturnalia, householders dance with the servants and, as evening comes, there is revelling in the streets as groups of merrymakers gather on street corners or ride about London-town dancing on the "flats" of trucks.

Holly and Mistletoe Long Associated with Christmas Decorations

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet, there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. They believed that its evergreen leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and therefore considered it sacred.

Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep blood red.

It was also a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule to household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once-prevalent belief would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

HAD HER WORRIED.

A woman walked into a millinery shop and pointed out a hat in the window.

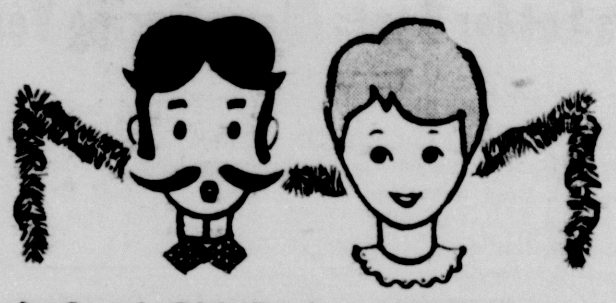
"That red one with the feathers and berries," she said. "Would you take it out of the window for me?"

"Certainly, madam," the clerk replied, "we'd be glad to."

"Thank you very much," said the woman, moving toward the exit. "The horrible thing bothers me every time I pass."

ANOTHER REMINDER.

Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after.—Walter Pulitzer.



A Good Old-Fashioned Christmas to You and Yours

Harden Coffee Shop

Mrs. Gus Travis, Proprietor



Season's Greetings

To the best friends a business firm could possibly have — our many loyal customers — we say Thank you for your patronage and our best wishes to all of you For A Happy Holiday Season!

Miss May Gay, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bryant

Bryant Insurance Ag'cy

PHONE 295——HAMLIN

History Proves That Americans Have Done a Lot for Santa Claus During Years

It's little wonder that St. Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for St. Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of St. Nick pictured him as a tall, angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and St. Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving St. Nicholas his "new look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nicholous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knockerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1882. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York Theological Seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little body.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

MAKING PROGRESS.

The artist kissed his model.

"I'll bet you do that to all you models," she said.

"No," he replied. "You're the very first."

"Really? How many models have you had?"

"Four," he answered, "a rose, an onion, a banana and you."

ENGINEERING PROJECT.

The host brought a man across the room to introduce him to the sweet young thing in the rather extreme strapless gown.

"Miss Bulger, I'd like to introduce Mr. Bridges," said the host. "Mr. Bridges is a construction engineer. He has a question he'd like to ask you."

Reindeer Shortage Is Becoming Acute As Many Animals Killed

If Santa Claus misses some youngster this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer and company.



Ferguson Theatre

MRS. B. S. FERGUSON and STAFF



Season's Greetings

Times change and we with time—but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

This year as always, we are happy to send you the Greetings of the season—with our sincere wishes for good health and joy at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.



EVERY
GOOD WISH
FOR
CHRISTMAS

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America Changed Saint Nick's Name, Looks and Travel

Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall, angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nicholaus." The best they could do was "Sante Kalouf," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and round little belly.

Future writers my try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.

United States Is Top Buyer and Supplier in Yule Tree Industry

United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christfas tree industry — at better than $50,000,000 in business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Middlewest and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

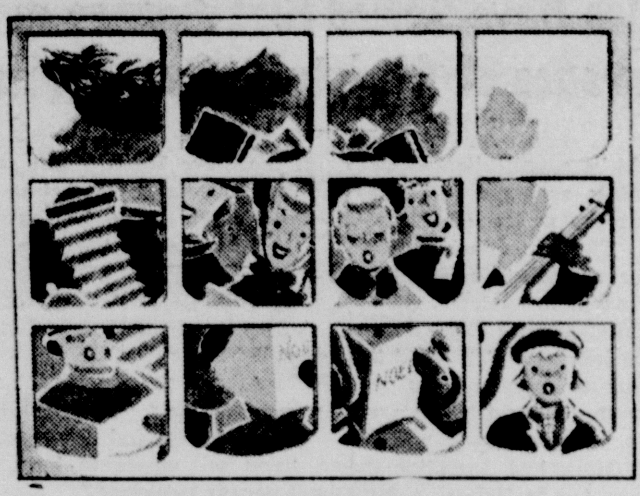
Theologians Adopted Dec. 25 as Christmas, But Some Disagree

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to pre-historic times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.



Christmas Greetings

Turner-Hunter Insurance Agency

31 Southwest Third Street Phone 65

MAY YOUR HOLIDAY BE A VERY, VERY, MERRY ONE . . .



May all Christmas Joys dance through your holiday and make it the best ever!

Jess Young Cleaners

Candles Have Varied Significance in Observance of Christmas Over World

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle" burned in the window on Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an erthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

During the early history of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries, and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:

To earn you luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day.

If the flame burns bright and the light shine clear,
Good luck will be yours throughout the year.

RESTRICTED AREA.

A man bought a cigar and started to light it.

"Didn't you see the sign?" asked the salesgirl?

"What?" exploded the customer, "You sell cigars in here, but don't permit smoking?"

The salesgirls smiled sweetly. "We also sell bath towels."

GAUGE OF AGE.

An old-timer is one who can remember when the Senate was a lawmaking body instead of a detective bureau.

Santa's Little Helper Idea Came Down to Us from Scandinavia

Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia.

Many years before Leif Eriksen touched American shores the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food an dthe animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jul became the giver of presents — just as Santa today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave presents in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jul Tomten and carried it around the world.



Christmas Blessings To All . . .

Alton Mayfield

YOUR GULF CONSIGNEE



Our very best wishes to all for a Merry, *merry* Christmas! . . .

E. A. Hewett

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Greetings OF THE SEASON



Greeting our friends at Christmas time has become more than a habit with us. It is a manifestation of a deeply felt appreciation of the understanding and good will that we have been privileged to enjoy over these many years. And it is for this reason that we are so anxious now, to extend to everyone our sincerest wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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Holiday Season Always Takes Heavy Toll in Traffic Accidents Over Country

As the year builds up month by month to the great festival of Christmas, culminating in the age-old renewal of God's promise of peace on earth to men of good will, there is something in the human spirit, however worldly, that blossoms to new fullness . . . a warmth and fellow-feeling for all mankind.

This good will which permeates Joe Doe during the Christmas season is not the unctuous Uriah Heepism nor the back-slapping variety . . . rather, it is a deep respect and consideration of others as fellow human beings, as brothers faced with the common problems of every-day life.

Yet despite the climate of good will and fellowship which prevails during the Yule season, says the [illegible]as Safety Association, there is [illegible]gly, black side of the picture. [illegible] December is the deadliest [illegible]h of the year so far as traffic [illegible]ents are concerned. Further- [illegible], more people die in traffic [illegible]nts on Christmas Eve than [illegible]y other day in the year!

[illegible]e statistics are alarming. December, 3,570 persons died in motor vehicle accidents, while in December, 1953, 3,920 were killed in the holiday traffic. These death figures are in addition to the many more thousands of men, women and children injured in holiday traffic accidents.

It does not take prophetic powers to predict that this Christmas season, many people are marked for death in traffic accidents despite the all-out efforts that are being made to combat traffic hazards on a community and national scale. A certain number of motorists will insist on speeding; others will drive while drunk; others will violate other traffic regulations—all of which will lead to wanton destruction of human life. Certain pedestrians are also marked for death . . . they too will forget safe practices in walking and take short-cuts to death in the hurly-burly of Christmas shopping and party-going.

A pessimistic view of human nature? Not pessimistic, but realistic. For human nature is pretty ornery at times and it takes a lot of pounding and poking and prodding to keep it fixed into any shape for any length of time.

Public safety education programs for traffic safety can present the dangers and problems. Enforcement agencies can step up activities to protect you, as a motorist or as a pedestrian against your own hasty actions. But you, as an individual, must assume as your own the responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others.

You must not fall prey to the festive holiday spirit. You can not afford to gamble on the fact that others will protect you when holiday plans or haste push all other thoughts from your mind.

The price may be your own life—or the life of another.

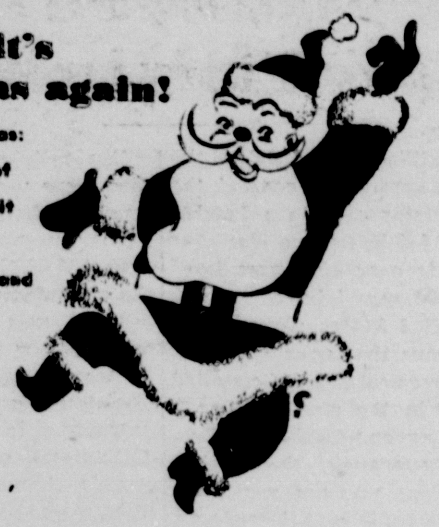
You can help curb the needless slaughter of human beings which happens every Christmas. You can help give the greatest Christmas present of all . . . a human [illegible]mas.

GOOD WITH FIGURE.

"Our new bookkeeper," said the young banker, "may not know a debit from a credit—but she certainly adds up."

oh boy! it's christmas again!

Yes, it's Christmas: Wondrous time of the year — May it bring, all that's good - in health, and luck, and cheer!



Hamlin Flower Shop

Southwest Third——Telephone 246



Christmas...

The magnificent promise of the Christmas story has inspired the dreams and prayers of men through the centuries. Wherever mankind kept to the spirit of brotherly love, there the meaning, the symbolic beauty of Christmas remained.

It is our fervent hope that this Christmas will bring us still closer to the fulfillment of the promise of Peace and Good Will in all lands. In this spirit we wish a Merry Christmas to all.

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FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY

May your Christmas be full of fun and frolic!



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Christmas Card Business Has Grown From Early Start by London Engraver

When William Maw Egley, the engraver's apprentice, created the first Christmas card in a London garret in 1842 he had no idea that just a little over 100 years later 1,500,000,000 would be exchanged in the United States alone.

This means that nearly 50,000,000 Christmas cards will be mailed every day in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

Strangely enough, the Christmas card idea was not very well received when it was introduced to the English people back in 1842. In fact, the traditional exchange of holiday greetings did not become popular at all until the 1860s and it was not until 1875 that the first American Christmas cards were offered to the public by Louis Prang, a lithographer of Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Recently the National Association of Greeting Publishers made a survey of representative Christmas card lines for 1955 and found the following conclusions:

First, that the traditional symbols are far and away the most popular. For instance, the five leading design motifs, holly and poinsettia, winter scenes, bold Merry Christmas titles, Christmas candle illustrations and Santa Claus are most popular.

Second, a tremendous upsurge in the popularity of truly reverent Christmas cards. Historically, the ones carrying scenes of the true spirit of the holy season were not introduced until many years after the first card was created.

And for a long time, the so-called religious Christmas greetings were used by a very limited number of people. To meet this new upsurge and growing demand over 300,000,000 were printed by the manufacturers.

Third, was the evidence of an entirely new trend in what might be termed novelty and whimsical Christmas cards. These feature movable gadgets, cards with sound effects and special construction to permit hanging on Christmas trees were the new ideas this year.

Fourth, showed that folks who wish to select just the right card for friends or relatives. The cards were widened this year from the wife, dad, mother, sister angle to include the boss, postman and even mothers-in-law.

Hawaiian Christmas Is Elaborate Affair Behind Closed Doors

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, homes would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges inexpensive presents. Even the servants in hotels expect and receive gifts from over-night guests.

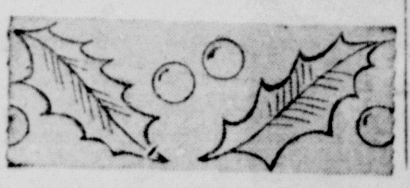


Again at Christmas we wish you well...

To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, we extend our greetings for a Very Merry Christmas!

Cactus Beauty Shop

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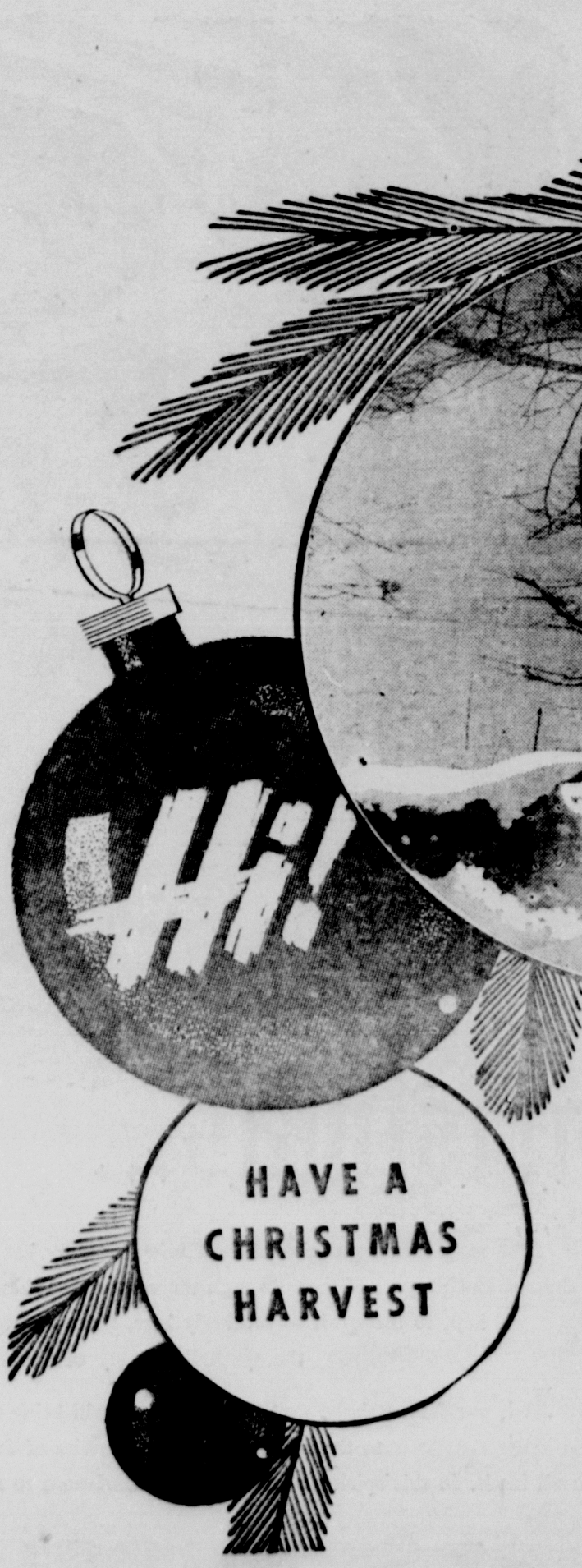


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By JUNE JONES

MERRY CHRISTMAS is our sincere greeting to both of the readers of this column!

Merry Christmas everywhere—
Up the chimney, on the stair;
Listen to the joyful sound—
Merry Christmas! all around.
Here it comes and there it goes,
Inthe house and out of doors
Such a boist'rous hullabaloo—
When in the world can a person do
But join the jolly Christmas crew,
Made up of folks like me and you
And holler—
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

★

SOME QUOTES from some famous writers of old make timely reading:

But Christmas is not only the mile-mark of another year, moving up to thoughts of self1examinaton . . . it is a season, from all its associations whether domestic or religious, suggesting thoughts of joy. A man dissatisfied with his endeavors is a man tempted to sadness. And in the midst of winter, when life runs lowest, and he is reminded of the empty chairs of his beloved, it is well that he should be condemned to this fashion of the smiling face.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Do your very best, and rejoice with him who can do better.—Emerson.

It is only those who do not know how to work that do not love it. To those who do, it is better than play . . . it is religion.—J. H. Patterson.

Happiness grows at our own fireside, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens.—Douglas Jerrold.

No man is in true health who cannot stand in the free air of heaven, with his feet on God's free turf, and thank the Creator for the simple luxury of physical existence.—T. W. Higgison.

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.—John Ruskin.

When you encounter stumbling stones along the way, step on them and go ahead.

Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.—Phillips Brooks.

Success does not depend so much upon external help as on self-reliance.—Abraham Lincoln.

Labor to keep alive within your breast that little spark of celestial fire we know as conscience.—Washington.

★

COOPERATION and team work are the secret to almost all successes. An anonymous poet put it this way:

All have a share in the beauty,
All have a part in the plan.
What does it matter what duty
Falls to the lot of man?
Someone has blended the plaster,
And someone has carried the stone;
Neither the man nor the master
Ever has builded alone.
Making a roof from the weather,
Or building a house for the king,
Only by working together
Have men accomplished a thing!

★

Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo.—H. G. Wells.

Firemen and Other Groups to Present Gifts to Kids, Needy

Annual Christmas gestures of several civic groups and others that every year make scores of youngsters and needy families of the Hamlin community happy were being shaped for this weekend.

Members of the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department, who each year recently have staged various Christmas programs and donations to the needy, have scheduled their free picture show and gifts for some 500 kids of the community this (Friday) afternoon at the Ferguson Theater. Besides the free one hour and 20-minute show the firemen will give special treat bags containing candy, fruit, nuts and a balloon to kids who attend the show, which begins at 1:00 o'clock. Mrs. B. S. Ferguson and her staff at the theater are donating their facilities and services.

The Hamlin Lions Club is giving several baskets of food to some needy families in the community. Numbers of women's clubs, Sunday School Classes and other groups also are remembering needy families and children with treats.

Jon Adams Member of Square Dance Winner

Jon Adams of Hamlin, senior student at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, was a member of the eight-dancer Campus Cut-Ups square dance team that recently won a $500 cash award for their performance on a district contest sponsored by a Lubbock TV station.

Young Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adams Sr. of Hamlin, participated in a dance against a team from Brownfield for top honors.

High School Tennis Players Enter Tourney

Six members of the Hamlin High School tennis team and their coach leave Wednesday to participate next week-end in the world's largest tournament of its kind at El Paso. Representatives of hundreds of high schools over Texas are due to attend the contests.

Boys making the trip for the senior division of players were Ted Wright, Perry Davis and Bill Everton. Playing in the junior division will be Don Hicks, Don Shivers and Lance Carmichael.

Coach Doyle Smith expressed opinion Wednesday morning that he was expecting a good showng by the Hamlin crew at the tournament

RETURNS FROM DALLAS.

Mrs. Ed Bailey returned Monday from Dallas, where she had been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Connelly, who has been seriously ill in a Dallas hospital.



ANOTHER IN THE SERIES of Mystery Farm Pictures being run by The Herald is shown above. First person, other than the owner and his family, to correctly identify the view will be given a one-year subscription to Your Home Town Paper. In order to give readers of the paper living on the rural routes an equal chance at the identifying, no answers will be accepted before 1:00 p. m. Friday, either in person or telephoning to the paper office. The original aerial picture will be presented to the owner by The Herald.

Hamlin Schools Close Thursday for Holidays

All five of Hamlin's public school were due to dismiss classes at 2:45 yesterday (Thursday) afternoon for the Christmas and New Year holidays, according to C. F. Cook, superintendent. The school work will not be resumed until Tuesday, January 3.

The holiday period will permit an 11-day respite from classes for students and faculty members.

Seth Adams Goes to New Army Assignment

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adams Jr. and baby daughter, Allison, have been here visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adams Sr.

The young Adams were en route to Fort Lewis, near Seattle, Washington, where he has been reassigned for duty with an Army unit. He recently completed Army training at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Ned Moores to Direct Direct March of Dimes

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Moore have been named campaign directors for the 1956 March of Dimes campaign in the Hamlin community.

The drive for funds that will be used to help fight polio, has been scheduled to open in the Hamlin community January 31. More details about the campaign will be announced through The Herald in later issues.

John L. Lea of Roswell Named City Coordinator for Hamlin

Council Votes to Give Christmas Cash to Employees

Christmas gifts of 10 per cent of the monthly pay of full-time city employees were voted for 17 city employees when members of the City Council met Tuesday evening in regular monthly business session. No employee was to receive less than $20, it was noted in the action. The checks were made available Wednesday.

Cost of $466.13 for installing water main extensions to the Eddie Jay cotton warehouse on Northeast Avenue C was approved by the city unt. Estimated cost of more than $1,800 for materials will be furnished by Jay. A new fire plug will be installed near the warehouse on lines that would provide sprinkler system service for the warehouse.

Monthly bills totaling $2,586 were approved for payment.

Receipt of check for $750 for option to lease city property in North Hamlin, under a contract made more than a year ago with Lester & Duffield of Abilene, was acknowledged.

Hiring of a new city coordinator and routine city business constituted other matters attended to by the council session, at which all councilmen were present.

Lee Grabel Show to Be Staged as Benefit For Swimming Pool

Swimming pool fund of the Hamlin Foundation will benefit from proceeds of a novel show by Lee Grabel and his entire company Saturday evening, January 6, at the Hamlin High School auditorium, according to W. T. Johnson, member of the Foundation board of directors.

A freight car of stage paraphernalia is used in this famous stage extravaganza. One of the sensational numbers in this Foundation sponsored stage review is shooting a girl from a cannon. The young lady featured in this number is internationally known as "The Human Cannon Ball." She is placed in the cannon, there is a roar—and she is on her way.

Advance ticket sales for the January 7 will begin next week, Johnson announces.

Mrs. J. E. Abernathy is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. A. H. Smith, at Wichita, Kansas, who suffered a stroke last Thursday.

New Man to Take Duties in Hamlin Middle of January

John L. Lea of Roswell, New Mexico, was named city coordinator of the City of Hamlin when the City Council met Tuesday evening in regular monthly business session at the city hall, to succeed Roy L. Dunlap, who resigned to become city manager of Snyder in September.

Advised of the action of the council Wednesday morning, Lea told Mayor Willard Jones that he would accept the place, and will be on the job about January 15.

A native of Haskell County, Lea is 32 years of age. He graduated from Texas Technological College in 1950 with a degree in architectural engineering. For 18 months he was associated with the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith & Hill in Lubbock; later was with the Army Corps of Engineers at Big Spring, Lubbock and Roswell.

His work at Roswell for several months has been at the Air Force Base, where he has supervised street paving, waterworks, sewer and other projects at the big base.

His wife also is a graduate of Texas Tech, where she majored in business administration. They have two girls, Leslie, three and one-half years old, and Linda, eight months old.

Sue Flenniken Invited To Stock Show Rodeo Contests for Women

Sue Flenniken, a native of the Hamlin community, who at 14 years of age is recognized as one of the best junior rodeo riders in Texas, has been invited to participate in January in the annual Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Rodeo at Fort Worth. She will take part in the barrel races against some of the top cowgirls of the state.

Sue was one of a few cowgirls out of scores of eager applicants invited to participate in the contest. She was the youngest rider appearing in the women's barrel races last January when women's barrel races were held in connection with the rodeo for the first time.

Sue has won many honors in top rodeos in the state, and is ranked fourth in the nation in junior barrel racing by the American Junior Rodeo Association.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Flenniken, she is an eighth grader. The Flennikens, who have farming interests near Hamlin, are at present living at Hale Center, where he is managing a gin.

Sarah Kay Fomby Gets Surgery for Injuries

Sarah Kay Fomby, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fomby of Hamlin, was taken Monday to the Hendrick Memorial Hospital for surgery and special setting of a shoulder bone.

Miss Fomby was injured in an auto accident on the night of December 12. She sustained severe bruises and a broken shoulder clavical. She had received early treatment in Hamlin Memorial Hospital.

Who's New This Week

Two new citizens have been recorded at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last report in The Herald. Both girls, they are:

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Skipworth of Sylvester was born December 9 at 7:25 a. m. Weighing eight pounds four ounces, she has been named Starla Danice.

A girl arrived for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morales of Hamlin on December 10 at 10:05 p. m. After having her weight checked at seven pounds 10½ ounces, she accepted the name Alicia.

Hazards of Driving at Christmas Are Increased, Safety Officials Point Out

"Don't wreck your Christmas celebration with a traffic accident!

This plea was made to drivers of Hamlin and the rest of Texas this week by E. C. McFadden of Dallas, president of the Texas Safety Association, as he urged them to support the current holiday hazards program of the Texas Safety Association, the Department of Public Safety and the National Safety Council.

"Christmas falls on Sunday this year, which means that many people will make a holiday weekend trip to visit out-of-town relatives," McFadden said. "Such a trip can become a sad journey if the driver relaxes his vigilance for a moment."

He said that the main hazards likely to threaten a holiday motor trip are: Inclement weather that makes visibility poor and roadways treacherous; more hours of darkness; and the holiday mood which is likely to make drivers less alert than usual.

He offered these rules for a safe trip:

1. Plan your trip so that as much of the driving as possible will be accomplished during the light hours of the day.

2. Postpone your trip entirely when the weather is particularly rainy, snowy or when sleet and hail are in the weather forecast. Be sure to consult a weather forecast for the area to which you're driving.

3. Be certain your car is in top mechanical condition before attempting to take any sort of a trip.

4. Use tire chains at all times when the road is covered with snow or ice.

5. Most important of all: Adjust your speed to conditions.

Hamlin Fans to Attend Championship Game

Numbers of Hamlin area football fans will be among those present Monday afternoon in Abilene when the Stamford Bulldogs meet the Hillsboro gridders for the Class AA football championship of Texas.

The Bulldogs, champion of District 4-AA, of which Hamlin is a member, has gone on to the state finals with victories over Phillips, Breckenridge, and New London



Christmas Greetings...

We are mindful of our debt to our friends who have favored us with their patronage. This, we can not repay, but – on this day we can sincerely and heartily say to all of you – "Serving you has been a real pleasure. And, to all –

"A VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON."

Staff of The Hamlin Herald

Virgin Conception Of Christ Child Was Startling to Joseph

According to the familiar old carol, St. Joseph was on old man. He probably was considerably older than Mary, but people may have thought of him as being older than he actually was because he enjoyed earnest conversation and the companionship of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasures.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: She was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on the wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and, while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn;t what would become of her . . . of her child?

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying:'

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel said unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Hobbs Cagers to Meet Locals on January 3

Next Home basketball games on the Hamlin High School slate will be the night of Tuesday, January 3, with the Hobbs cagers

Both boys' and girls' games will be played that evening in the Hamlin Junior High School gymnasium.

ON THE REBOUND.

The father entered the room just as the children were starting a free-for-all.

"See here, Johnny," said the father grabbing one of the youngsters, "who started this?"

"Well," said Johnny, "it's all Freddy's fault. He started it when he hit me back."



The newspapers coming off the press here are part of the campaign against ignorance and illiteracy in New Guinea, a Trust Territory of some one million inhabitants, administered by Australia under the United Nations Trusteeship System. Published by the Education Department in the Government Printing Office, the papers are distributed throughout the villages of this western Pacific island.

Hamlin High School Teachers Planning Visits and Other Trips During Holidays

Many of the teachers and other employees of Hamlin High School will be out-of-town for the Christmas holidays, a check of plans for the 11-day respite from classes revealed this week.

The following holiday plans were announced:

Jess Parrish — Christmas in Hamlin; will also spend a few days after Christmas with relatives and friends at Plainview.

Mrs. Lloyd Burkhart — Christmas in Hamlin; then to Lamesa and Andrews for a few days.

Mrs. Charles Scott—Christmas at home at Sylvester.

Harold Blackburn—Christmas at Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Jim Herridge—Christmas at Kilgore.

Mrs. Joe Carter—Christmas at Levelland.

Dora Mitchell—Christmas at home in Hamlin.

Doyle Smith—Christmas at home in Abilene then to El Paso for tennis tournament.

T. C. Blankenship—Visit relatives at Stephenville and friends at Hamlin.

Mrs. Austin Poe—Going to stay out of the hospital and then go see Stamford win the state champonship.

Mrs. Camille Simmons—Visit in Fort Worth.

Harold Williams — Christmas dinner at Lueders; then ball game at Abilene.

Zelma Hulse — Christmas at home and later visit at Crowell.

Harold Eades—Visit relatives and friends at Stephenville.

J. W. Reynolds—Visit relatives at Ropesville, Lubbock and Cotton Center.

C. F. Cook—Eat turkey and ham at home with wife and two sons; visit at Pampa and see Stamford win state championship.

Mrs. Marvin Carlton—Keep the road hot between here and Rotan

Truman Nix—Go to mother's and get full; then go to ball game at Abilene; then hunt rest of the time.

B. V. Newberry—Christmas at home; then visit at Childress and Chillicothe.

Ramon Morales—Christmas at home, eight miles south of Hamlin.

Open House Has Been Tradition as Classes Mix at Christmastime

The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A huge Yule log was dragged upon an open fire-pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South The slaves often soaked a log in the swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open house" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy and a realization that He who was born on Christmas Day came to save all men.

USING THEIR WELCOME.

"I have always said the poo were welcome in this church," said the minister, "and I see by the rollection the past few Sundays that they have come."

DePriest School Group Gives Music Program at Rotary

Musical numbers in keeping with the Christmas season were presented at the Wednesday noon luncheon of Hamlin Rotary Club by students from DePrfest Colored School at the oil mill guest house.

The choral group, under the direction of Noble Canida, sang "A la Rance de Christ," "Silent Night" and "Angels We Have Heard on High." Charles Mitchell, baritone soloist, sang "Now the Day Is Over." Mary Brown of the elementary school rendered "White Christmas," and Canida sang "Ole Man River." A quartet rendered "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel."

Gifts were presented by the club to Mrs. Grady Smith, who prepares the luncheon meals; and to Renee Moore, club pianist.

President J. E. Patterson reported that the Hamlin Rotary Club during November led the District 186 attendance parade with a percentage of 99.39.

Bobby Beale, Hamlin High School sophomore, was recognized as Junior Rotarian.

Besides those on the program, other guests at the Wednesday luncheon included W. M. Blackburn and W. R. Terry of Stamford; James Sharp and Lloyd Hindman of Spur; Al Alton of Sweetwater; and Ed Wiggins of Hamlin.

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Stokely's Tomato Aspic	10½-Oz. Can	21c

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Detergent Parade	Large Pkg.	25c
Detergent Superb Blue	Large Pkg.	25c
Detergent Superb Blue	Giant Pkg.	50c
Rik-Rak Cleanser	14-Oz. Cans	2 for 15c
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Condensed Eagle Milk	15-Oz. Can	29c
Minute Tapioca	8-Oz. Pkg.	28c
Assorted Flavors. Jell Well Gelatin Desserts	3-Oz. Pkgs.	2 for 13c
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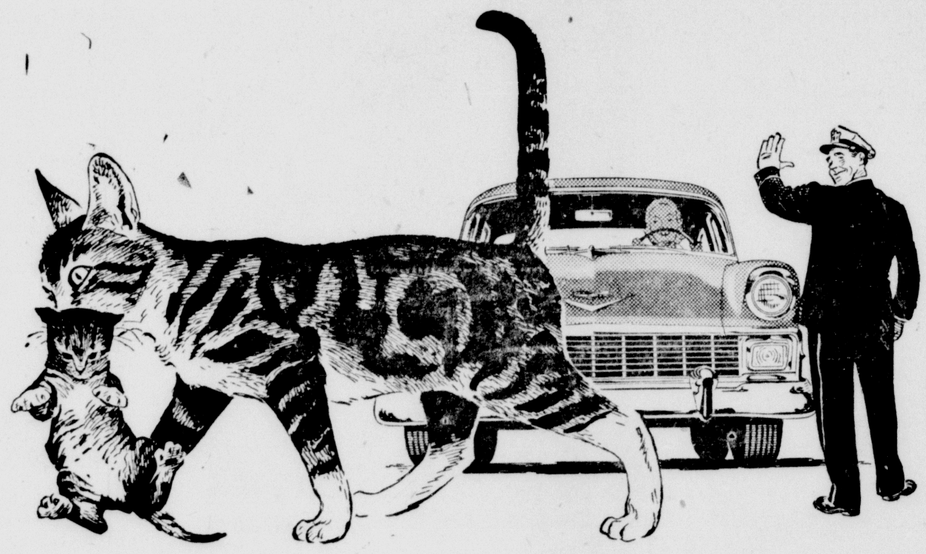
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The Herald's Page for Women



Mrs. Ned Moore Elected President of Recently Organized Woman's Forum

Mrs. Ned Moore, busy Hamlin housewife and active for several years in several Hamlin women's clubs and church work, was named president of the newly-organized Hamlin Woman's Forum Tuesday evening.

The Forum, made up of representatives from seven women's clubs, met Tuesday evening at the First Methodist Church to receive the report of the nominating committee for a slate of officers for the Forum.

Mrs. A. A. Hackley, chairman, presented the nominations as follows: Mrs. Ned Moore, president; Mrs. F. B. Moore, Jr., vice president; Mrs. Austin Poe, second vice president; Mrs. W. Arlie Cassle, recording secretary; Mrs. Ray Johnson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sol Branscum, treasurer; Mrs. S. C. Ferguson Jr., parliamentarian; and Mrs. E. M. Wilson, press reporter.

Report of the committee was accepted and the slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

The two chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, represented by Mrs. Gerald Young and Mrs. E. D. Perrin applied for membership in the Forum and were accepted.

Constitution and by-laws were presented by the new president, Mrs. Ned Moore, and were accepted by the body.

Meetings were scheduled for the fifth Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 o'clock in the months where five Tuesdays occur.

Dues of $5 per year for each organizations belonging to the Forum were assessed, and $2.50 for individual members.

Presidents of the eight clubs belonging to the Forum, and who form the executive committee, together with the newly elected officers of the Forum, are: Mrs. Wilson Brannon, Fifty-Two Study Club; Mrs. W. B. Britton, the Garden Club; Mrs. E. G. Young, Friendship Home Demonstration Club; Mrs. J. A. Joiner, Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club; Mrs. Vera Nobles, Business and Professional Women's Club; Mrs. J. D. Cochran, Firemen's Auxiliary; Mrs. Gerald Young, Beta Theta; and Mrs. E. D. Perrin, Xi Gamma Pi.

Next meeting of the Forum will be Tuesday, January 31, it was announced.

Exchange of White Elephant Gifts Made At Party for Class

Exchange of white elephant gifts featured a meeting Monday evening of members of the Naomi Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church in their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Alton Mayfield. Co-hostesses were Mmes. Opal McCurry, May Kidwell and Ola Waymire.

Mrs. Wallace Walton, teacher, opened the session with a prayer and brought the devotional on "The Other Wise Man."

The teacher's gift to each member of the class was a box of peanut brittle candy. The class gave the teacher a pot plant in a wraught iron stand.

The hostesses served coffee and fruit cake to one guest, Marsha Ann Goodgame, and the following class members: Mmes. Leona Carter, Billye Goodman, Lillian Green, Martha Barnett, Lula Mae Crawford, Mattie Lafler, Ruth Hallmark, May Kidwell, Mamie Deel, Erma Hall, Opal Cohorn, Betty Miller and Lela Lain.

Hamlin FFA Group Honors FHA Girls and Faculty at Dinner

Girls of the Future Homemakers of America organization in Hamlin High School and members of the faculty were honored guests Friday night at the Primary School cafetorium at the annual Christmas party presented by the boys of the Future Farmers of America.

Lavere Wilson was in charge of the food arrangements for the party. Mrs. Petty and Mrs. Conner prepared the food, which was served cafeteria style. On the menu were enchiladas, beans, chili and salad.

Following the dinner a program of entertainment was presented by Liz Norton, Gene Steele and Sammy Holcomb, an entertainer from the McCaulley chapter of FFA. Ronny Parker and Steve Reynolds were in charge of the entertainment features. B. V. Newberry, high school principal, was the speaker of the evening.

About 100 students and faculty members attended the festive affair.

Nothing relieves and ventilates the mind like a resolution.—John Burroughs.

Christmas Party for McCaulley Club Group Held in Abbott Home

Annual Christmas party of the McCaulley Home Demonstration Club was held Thursday afternoon in the recently redecorated home of Mrs. Ted Abbott.

Traditional Christmas decorations were used throughout the home. A fruit arrangement centered the dinner table, which was laid with a crocheted lace tablecover made by Mrs. Abbott's mother, Mrs. Della Fancher.

Background music was given during the afternoon on a record player. Mrs. Willie Fancher directed a lively recreation period.

The Christmas program was announced by Mrs. C. A. McHone. The program opened with prayer by Mrs. Ben Kemp. "The Christmas Story" was given by Mrs. Leo Masser. Mrs. Lou's Boyd concluded the program with a paper on "Christmas Is More Than Holiday Greetings and Nicely Wrapped Packages."

From a gaily decorated tree of white pine, gifts were exchanged and secret club pals revealed. A gift was presented to the outgoing president, Mrs. Jerry Maberry.

Other outgoing officers are: Mrs. A. G. Smith, vice president; Mrs. Frank Kemp, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Glenn Henderson, council delegate; Mrs. Louis Boyd, THDA chairman Mrs. Ray Maberry, parliamentarian; Mrs. Willie Fancher, recreation leader; and Mrs. Louis Boyd, reporter.

A desert plate was served to Mrs. Rufus Herbst, Tollie McFatter and Jerry Crowley, guests; and the following members: Mmes. Jerry Maberry, Luther Maberry, Ray Maberry, Della Fancher, Leo Masser, Willie Fancher, C. A. McHone, Roscoe Perryman, Miliner, Ben Kemp, Frank Kemp, Fred Kemp, Glenn Henderson, A. A. Smith, Levi McCollum, A. G. Smith, Louis Boyd and the hostess.

Next meeting of the McCaulley club group will be January 5 at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Louis Boyd.

Telephone Employees Give Dinner Monday Evening for Families

A Christmas party for their families was given in the telephone office lounge Monday evening by the telephone company employees.

A delicious dinner was served at 7:00 o'clock. The table centerpiece consisted of a white lace Christmas tree trimmed in tiny Christmas bells. All tables were laid in white cut-work paper.

After eating, everyone played bingo with cards for ther gifts.

Attendants at the gala affair were Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Waldrop, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boil, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lock, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Tegart, Mrs. Ernestine Stephens, Mrs. Arba Burgess, Villa Rountree, Jo Ann Fannin and Louise Proctor.

Mrs. A. H. Abernathy Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Myers and children of San Angelo were visiting last week-end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Abernathy.

They helped Mrs. Abernathy celebrate her sixty-third birthday December 16. J. E. Abernathy of Hamlin also participated in the birthday celebration.



JUNIOR RODEO RIDER Sue Flenniken, native of Hamlin commuunity (above), has been invited to appear as a performer at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth in January. The 14-year-old Sue has been participating in riding and rodeo events for several years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Flenniken. Her father, who still owns his farm near Hamlin, is manager of the High Gin at Hale Center.

Dr. Paul Southern, Bible Scholar of Abilene, Tells Women of Holy Land

Dr. Paul Southern, head of the Bible department of Abilene Christian College, was speaker for the afternoon when members of the Fifty-Two Study Club met Friday with the Hamlin Literary Club as guests Friday afternoon. Hostesses were Mrs. Harry Martin and Mrs. Noel Weaver.

Dr. Southern related the story of Jesus while showing slides of Bethlehem, Jerusalem and other parts of the Holy Land.

Along the imaginary trip the group saw such Biblical sites as Shepherd's Field, the field where the shepherds were keeping watch over the flocks when the angel appeared and announced the birth of the king; the gate into which Jesus made his triumphal entry; the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray before His betrayal; the tomb where they laid Christ; and scenes along the rocky path leading to the place where He died on the cross.

Modern scenes as well as old ones were shown in the slides and the conditions of the people and lands were explained by Dr. Southern.

Mrs. Dean Witt presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Wilson Brannon. Club collect was led by Mrs. Gene Westmoreland. Mrs. W. F. Martin was program director. The guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. W. S. Seals.

Mrs. Harry Martin was at the refreshments table, where punch and cookies were served. The table was laid in a white cloth with a Christmas arrangement of an angel of gold cellophane with gold balls and white angel hair on styrofoam. On either side of the room was an arrangement of beargrass sprayed gold decorated with Christmas balls.

A styrofoam Santa Claus sleigh on the piano completed the decorations.

Piano selections were played by Gary Ted Jay preceding the program.

Other guests for the day were Mrs. Paul Southern of Abilene; and from the Hamlin Literary Club were: Mmes. W. A. Albritton, Art Carmichael, Stanley Carmichael, W. A. Cassle, Tate May, Clyde Grice, J. W. McCrary, Bill Shira, Virgil Steele and Foster Cook.

Other members of the Fifty-Two Study Club present were Mmes. E. J. Hawkins, Byron O. Bell, Fred B. Moore Jr., J. D. Josey, Cecil Sellers, W. C. Westbrook; and Mrs. Jack Richey, who is an honorary member of the club.

Next meeting of the Fifty-Two Study Club will be in the home of Mrs. W. S. Seals January 6 with a program on "Federaton."

New Officers Named For Camp Fire Girls Leaders Association

New officers of the Leaders Association of Camp Fire were named at a sesson of the organization last Thursday at the Camp Fire Hut in West Hamlin. The association is composed of sponsors and leaders of Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls groups.

Officers named were: Mrs. E. J. Hawkins, chairman; Mrs. Dear Witt, vice chairman; Mrs. A. J. Hallmark, secretary; and Mrs. John D. Ferguson, reporter.

Several improvements to the hut have been made during the past year, it was noted, including new floor covering and newly installed rest room. Mrs. Will Maberry has served as leader association chairman for 1955.

Camp Fire Girl Group Given Christmas Party

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree highlighted the party for the Blue Bird and Camp Fire groups and council members, held last Thursday evening at the Camp Fire Girls hut.

After singing Christmas carols each group, with its leader and sponsor, was introduced.

Christmas gifts were exchanged by attendants, and refreshments were served to approximately 80 girls, counsellors and leaders.

Skit Featured at Christmas Party for Families of Friendship Club Group

A skit entitled "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus" was featured when annual Christmas party of the Friendship Home Demonstration Club was held last Friday night at the Primary School cafetorium.

Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings were on the menu. Following the dinner, gifts were exchanged.

The club president the president, Mrs. Fred Young, an electric percolator as a token of appreciation for her work with the during the past year.

Christmas carols were sung by the group also as an entertainment feature.

Present for the evening's festivities were Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. LaFoy Patterson, Mary and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith, Jerry and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Hix and John Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Elkins, Mary Ann and Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Neal and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Donal and Dawl, Mr. and Mrs. Jap Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branscum, Mr. and Mrs. Ester Hastings, Velta and Helen Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gean Witt and Linda Jean, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Johnson and Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson, Ray Jr. and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Branscum, John Hudson, Mrs. Albert Moore, Mrs. Jack Collins and Jimmie Lou Wainscott, the county home demonstration agent.

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AREN'T WE MAKING CHRISTMAS COMMERCIAL?

Just to check up on the impressions of a modern child, we hazard the guess that good percentage of the youngsters of today, when asked what Christmas is, would declare that it is when we give gifts to all those who try to give presents to other members of the family and friends. Further, we daresay a lot of the adults would define Christmas as a time when we spend more than we should for items that are not practical to give to folks we merely are trying to keep up with on our gift list, many of whom we have little genuine affection for.

This is quite an indictment against the day that was instituted by the Father of brotherly love, the instigator of kindness and helpfulness, who came to the world to rescue it from sin and darkness, and promote peace and good-will to all men everywhere.

The world too much uses it also as a time of merry-making (even to the point of over-eating and drunkenness) and seeking after worldly pleasure and entertainment. Most all of us are guilty of encroachments on its real sacred intent and purpose. Rather than taking it as a time of putting into effect our better impulses of brotherly kindness, looking after the poor and unfortunate, explaining to our acquaintances the love of God that transforms lives and living, we have made of the Christmas season one of frivolity, excesses and commercialism.

Not with a desire to take away the sheer delight of in-the-family gift-giving, but rather in the interest of urging a return to the true meaning of Christmas, the spirit of its namesake, Christ, should be kept in mind in this modern generation that is noted for its wanton departure from the good and the sublime and the holy.

Yes, Christmas has become a great time of commercialization here in America—the one place in all the world that should be turning its efforts and energies to promoting the Christian religion as a thank offering for the rare privileges which we enjoy in this land of the free and home of the brave.

May the ravages of wars, the pestilences of disease and starvation, the horrors of famines and earthquakes not be necessary to bring America to her knees and to Christ on His natal day. May we return to our senses and the tenets of the Master out of a realization of our blessings!

From Small Beginnings

In Cremona, Italy, three boys were on a street corner. One was singing, one dancing and the other whittling. One boy said: "Let's go down to the carnival. We will stand nearby and sing and dance and get money from the passersby.

Two of the youngsters sang and danced, but Tony just whittled. Coins were thrown to them. Tony's eyes opened wide when a man threw a gold coin. "Who is he?" Tony asked. "That is Mr. Amati, the great violin maker."

Next morning Tony went to Mr. Amati's factory and asked him for a job. He said, "Mr. Amati, I can't sing or dance, but I can whittle. I love music, because, you see, there is a song in my heart."

"That is all that matters—a song in your heart. By the way, son, what's your name?" He answered, "Antonio Stradivari."

Mental Attitudes

We alone determine our course in life by our mental attitude. We alone are responsible for what we think, for, by and large, the way we think determines the way we act. And the way we act determines whether life is good or bad, happy or sad, empty or eventful.

As we grow older, we study and observe. As we come into contact with many types of people and encounter different experiences, the more certain we are in our beliefs that any person's success or failure, happiness or unhappiness, and, in some cases, health or illness, depends upon his mental attitude. In fact, there are many people who believe that a person's mental attitude pretty well determines the type of an individual he is. Psychologists say there are many different factors which definitely influence a person's thinking.

Men, they state, are unconsciously ruled by their overworn prejudices, their environment, their imagined necessities, their associations, their set opinions and their early training. These factors help to shape every person's mental attitude and, as a person matures, as he studies, observes, travels and comes in closer contact with people of other lands, he is apt to become more talerant, more sympathetic and more affable toward them. We are told that fundamentally we are what we think—we are as old or as young as we feel, we are as rich or poor as our imaginations, we are as strong as our faith or as weak as our fears. If these things are true, then we control our lives through our mental attitudes.

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It is developed partly by you. Cooperation with your fellow citizens, devotion to your home town and the support you give those other people of your community—these make for the towns friendly spirit.

Religion Is Right Living

True religion will be fruitful in righteous living, declares Clifton J. Allen, in a recent religious publication. A religion of form and ceremony has no moral power. But the kind of religion demanded by God is one which claims the whole heart and the whole life. True religion will cleanse a life of adultery and profanity and greed. It will keep one from stealing from his fellow men and from God through tithes and offerings. It will make one have reverent regard for the sanctity of marriage and fidelity in family life. It will make one just in money matters and generous in social responsibilities. In other words, true religion is morally regenerative. It makes one true in purpose to serve God and upright before men.

God's moral government is never to be questioned. It is not our responsibility to explain why God allows wicked people to prosper and godly people to suffer. God's government of men takes eternity into its consideration. He will do what is right. It is both folly and iniquity to question his morality or to rebel against his authority.

Hamlin FFA Boys Attend Meeting of Farm Loan Unit

Nineteen third-year vocational agriculture students of Hamlin High School attended the annual stockholders' meeting of the National Farm Loan Association at Anson last Monday.

Joe Breed, secretary-treasurer of the Jones County NFLA, said that an attempt was made to arrange the program in such a way that it would be beneficial to the FFA students from over the county who will be future farmers.

The Anson High School FFA chapter presented a farm skill demonstration concerning farm electrical safety.

Harry Holt, farm and ranch reporter from Abilene, gave an interesting talk on "What's New in Agriculture."

Elmer Rhoton, Hamlin FFA boy, received a $5 gift certificate door prize for the Hamlin group.

Other Hamlin FFA members attending were Jerry Jay, Perry Davis, Ronny Parker, Mac Reid, Don Adair, Davy Weaver, Richard Bruner Jr., Joe Cowan, Murl Smith, Herbert Lakey, Donald Pyron, Steve Reynolds, Dwight Wallace, Doug Ford, Lane Fletcher, Corky Bond, Jimmy Blackwell, Sam Carothers and Harold Eades, local advisor.

Friends Invited to Janice Agnew Rites

Friends and acquaintances of the family in the Hamlin area are invited to attend the marriage next Thursday evening, December 29, at 6:00 o'clock of Janice Gay Agnew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie H. Agnew, to Spero Theodore Constantine of Abilene, son of Mrs. Theodore John Constantine of New London, Connecticutt.

The wedding will take place at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Houston Walker, pastor, will perform the ceremony.

Beta Theta Chapter To Give Foid Basket To Needy Family

Members brought items of food which will be given to some needy famly in the form of a Christmas basket when the Beta Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met last Tuesday in the home of Mrs. H. L. Mehaffey. Donations were also given to buy a winter coat for a school age child.

Mrs. Arlie Cassle brought an interesting program.

The following members, besides the hostess, were served plates of sandwiches, Christmas cookies and coffee: Mmes. Arlie Cassle, C. Weldon Griggs, W. F. Martin, Gerald Young, Wilson Brannon, Billy Joe Wilson, Brad Rowland, Jess Parrish, Jim Herridge, Austin Poe, Truman Nix, Earl Smith and Garland Preston.

Hour-Long Sunday Morning Program Set by Methodists

An hour-long Christmas Day program is planned for the First Methodist Church Sunday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 o'clock, according to Rev. Darris Egger, pastor. This will be a combination Sunday School and morning worship hour. This will be the only services Sunday.

At the begnning of the service the children's department will meet in their own classes. The yout hand adult groups will meet in the sanctuary. All ages will have a brief Sunday School lesson.

Then the children's department will have a film for their worship service, "Child of Bethlehem," a 22-minute movie of the birth and boyhood of Jesus.

In the sanctuary for the youth and adults, Rev. Egger will teach a brief lesson on "Songs of the Savior's Birth." Christmas hymns will be used in the devotional. The story of "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke will be presented by Mrs. Darris Egger.

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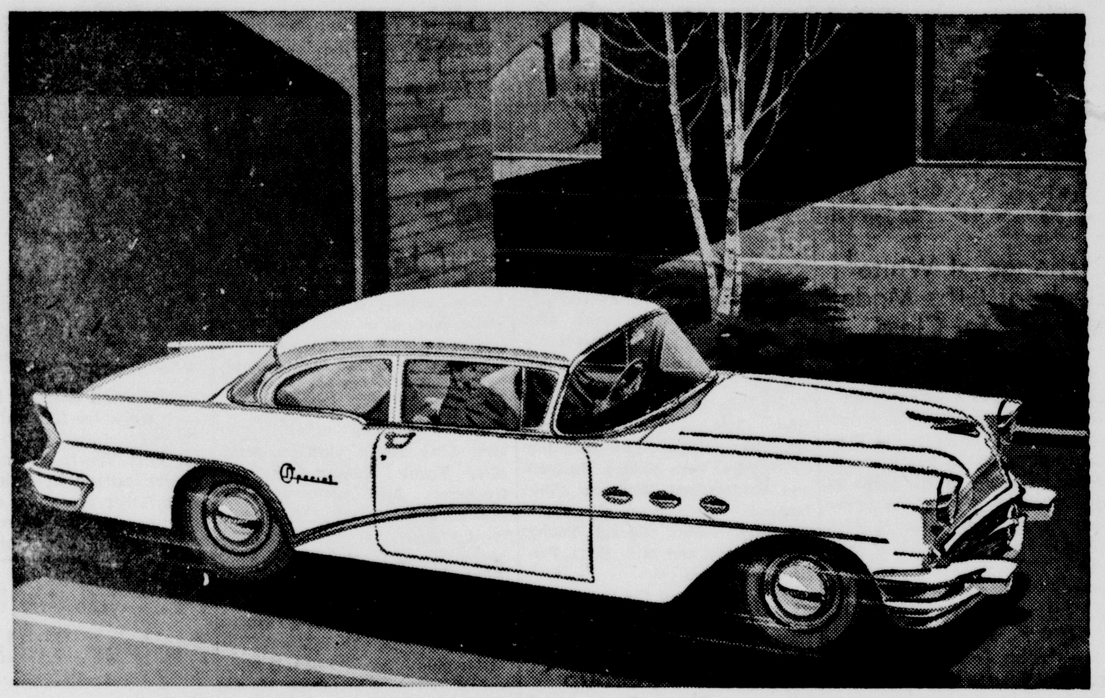
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Chocolate Drops	16-Oz. Pkg.	37c	
Jelly Beans	16-Oz. Pkg.	29c	
Gum Drops	16-Oz. Pkg.	25c	
Orange Slices	16-Oz. Pkg.	25c	
Satin Mix	16-Oz. Pkg.	31c	
Milk Chocolate or Dark Covered Cherries	1-Lb. Box	49c	
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Assorted Cakes	15-Oz. Pkg.	39c
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				Small Turkeys	4 to 8-Lb. Avg. Ready-To-Cook. Beltsville.	Lb. 69c

Placings in Hamlin High School Band Announced After Tests by Instruments

Placings in the Hamlin High School Band instrument positions were announced this week by Jess Parrish, band director, following contests conducted last week in the 60-piece organization. The placings were made on the basis of musical ability, attitude and poise.

Director Parrish declares that the band has made good progress this year.

The placings in the order mentioned below by instruments, follow:

Clarinets—Louise Herd, Georgia McDonnell, Reba Roland, Bob Haynes, Vermelle Johnson, Judy Parker, Ann Cochran, Mary Ann Willbanks, Joyce Grimm, Charlotte Wallace, Lusara Dean, Cecelia Albritton and John Richie.

Cornets—Gene Steele, Bobby Beale, Bobby Spaulding, Jerry Carlton, Everett Gibson, Janis Crowley, Lance Carmichael and Phillip Miller.

Trombones—Varnelle Hart, Bryan Shelburne, Jerry Jay, Dennis Johnson, George Jenkins and Clarence Parker.

Saxophones—John Walker, Ginger Means, Jerry Crowley, Peggy Killion and Paige Beize.

French Horns—Bette Jean Cranford, Libby Johnson, Annette Fletcher, Gayle Bishop and Donna Kidd.

Flutes — Gloria Rodgers and Renee Moore.

Bassoons—Judy Brandon.

Bass Clarinet—Maryanne Carter.

Baritones — James Crowley, Mark Fletcher and K. T. Scott.

Bass Horns—Rodney Spaulding, Jay Cunningham, Jim Stinnett and Joe Deel.

Percussions—Virgil Wilson, Joe Stephens, Wyvonne Conner, Boyce Blankinship and Bette Teague.

Burnie B. Colwell, Stock Farmer, Dies Friday at Hospital

Funeral services for Burnie B. Colwell, 60-year-old stock farmer of the Hamlin community, who died last Friday, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. Officiating for the rites was Bro. Brown.

Colwell, who had been a resident of Hamlin for 36 years, died at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital just after noon last Friday after an illness of about a year.

Born December 17, 1894, near Shreveport, Louisiana, he attended the school of that stte and Texas. He married the former Bertha Mae Alexander on August 10, 1919, at Henderson. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the Masonic Lodge.

Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under the direction of Hamlin Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Carl Mahan, Eddie Jay, Art Carmichael, Bail Hill, Harold Bonner, Bob Tegart, Bobby Reynolds and Jimmy Wade Hughes.

Survivors include the wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Colwell of Pecos; one daughter, Mrs. Verna Mae Hill of Fort Worth; five brothers, Charles C. Colwell of Fresno, California, Ernest E. Colwell of Winfield, Kansas, Ben F. Colwell of Pecos, Morris C. Colwell of San Diego, California, and Harold W. Colwell of Los Angeles, California; and two sisters, Eula Mae McDavid of Amarillo and Florence Mayson of El Paso.

REALIZATION OF FACT.

An educated man is one who has finally discovered that there are some questions to which nobody has the answers.

Hamlin Memorial Hospital

Patients admitted to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last report in The Herald have included: Warren Reynolds, medical, December 6; Mrs. Brad Rowland Sr., medical, December 7; Brad Rowland Sr., medical, December 7; J. S. Dickey, medical, December 8; Mrs. Grady Brown, medical, December 8; Mrs. Doc Neal, medical, December 8; Eugene Forbes of Sylvester, medical, December 8; Zane Porter of Sylvester, medical, December 8; Lynn Herring of Stamford, medical, December 8; Mrs. Norman Skipworth of Sylvester, ob., December 9; Mrs. T. T. Ballinger of Roby, medical, December 9; Mrs. George Bury, medical, December 9; Paz Gonzales, medical, December 9; Mrs. Tom Simmons of Roby, surgery, December 9; Mrs. F. W. Poe Sr., medical, December 9; Arlene Forbes of Sylvester, medical, December 9; Loyd Burkhart, medical, December 10; Jimmy Bellah of Cotton Center, medical, December 10; Charles McDowell, medical, December 10; Mrs. Raymond Morales, ob., December 8 General Phenix, medical, December 10; Jim Anderson of Aspermont, medical, December 10; Mrs. A. M. Gray, medical, December 11; Mrs. D. L. Carmen of Aspermont, medical, December 12; Vernell Hart, medical, December 12; Sara Kay Fomby, medical, December 12; Mrs. L. M. Sutherland, medical, December 13; Mrs. Clyde Myers of Aspermont, medical, December 12; Minnie Mae Gipson, medical, December 9; Charles Yarborough of McCaulley, surgery, December 14.

Patients Dismissed—Mrs. Herbert J. Lippe of Pampa, December 3; Floyd Winslett, December 6; Mrs. Benson Payne, December 7; Mrs. H. D. Moore of Sweetwater, December 9; Mrs. E. O. Bennett of Roby, December 9; J. L. Kennedy, December 9; Mrs. J. R. Reed of Sylvester, December 6; Mrs. Stanley Butler, December 8; Mrs. H. D. Adams, December 8; Mrs. Tom Teague, December 8; Mrs. Wade Davis Jr. of Aspermont, December 9; Mrs. J. W. Griffin, Decembhr 7; Mrs. Charlie Sellers, December 10; Charles Scott of Sylvester, December 10; David Thompson, December 9; W. H. Cranford, December 9; Mrs. L. E. Warnell, December 8; Mrs. L. B. Baker of Post, December 11; Warren Reynolds, December 13; J. S. Dickey, December 9; Eugene Forbes of Sylvester, December 15; Zane Porter of Sylvester, December 13; Lynn Herring of Stamford, December 12; Mrs. Norman Skipworth of Sylvester, December 12; Mrs. T. T. Ballinger of Roby, December 13; Mrs. F. W. Poe Sr., December 12; Mrs. Tom Simmons of Roby, December 12; Loyd Burkhart, December 13; Charles McDowell, December 14; Mrs. Raymond Morales, December 13; Varnell Hart, December 14; Mrs. Clifford Myers of Aspermont, December 13; Minnie Mae Gipson, December 13.

Silas C. Carlan, Hamlin Carpenter, Passes Thursday

Final rites for Silas C. Carlan, 61-year-old carpenter of the Hamlin community, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the North Central Avenue Baptist Church. Rev. Woodrow McHugh, pastor, officiated at the services.

Carlan died Thursday at his home, 712 Southeast Avenue C following a heart attack. He had been ill about two days.

Born July 3, 1890, in Georgia, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fabriel Carlan. He married the former Belle Garrison at Homer, Georgia, on May 22, 1911. He had lived at Pittsburg, Texas, before moving to Hamlin 10 years ago.

Burial was in the Hamlin East Cemetery under direction of Hamlin Funeral Home. Pallbearers were C. W. Carlan, P. W. Carlan, R. H. Hughes, L. E. Guthrie Jr., L. R. Reynolds and J. T. Clark.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, Mrs. Belle Carlan; two sons, C. W. Carlan and P. W. Carlan of Hamlin; four daughters, Mrs. R. H. Hughes of Baytown, Mrs. L. R. Reynolds of Hillsboro, Mrs. L. E. Guthrie of Angleton and Mrs. J. T. Clark Sr. of Paducah; two brothers, Bigiah Carlan of Elkerton, Gtorgia, and Henry Carlan of Homer Georgia; three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Bennett and Mrs. Lon Pruitt of Homer, Georgia, and Mrs. Nettie Higginbotham of Cannon Georgia; and 14 grandchildren.

Lions Club to Give Food to Number of Family of Vicinity

Several baskets of food for needy families of the Hamlin community will be provided by Hamlin Lions Club, it was decided at the Tuesday noon luncheon session of the civic group, meeting at the oil mill guest house. This plan was adopted in lieu of the usual donation of toys.

Several Christmas songs were sung by the group at the opening of the session.

Gift certificates from the club were presented to Mrs. Grady Smith, who prepares the meals for the weekly Lions luncheons; and to Mrs. J. W. McCrary, pianist. Presentation was made by President W. S. Seals.

Mrs. James Fitzgerald, reader, presented the story of "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke as the program feature of the weekly luncheon.

It was voted by the group that no meeting of the Lions Club will be held next week on account of the holidays.

See The Herald for pencils.

High School Piperette Cagers Divide Games With Merkel Crews

Hamlin High School Piperettes shared games with the Merkel girls at Hamlin Tuesday night in cage contests. The Hamlin T team lost to the Merkel A group 41 to 42 in a good game. Helen Johnston and Linda Carlton each scored 16 points in the fracas. Mita Lou McAnish of Merkel made 22 points. Hamlin Guards Janis Crowley, Jean Powell and Sandra Stuart were good on defense. Annette Smith, the other Hamlin forward, made nine points.

Hamlin B squad won their tilt by a 23 to 21 score over the Merkel B string. Clarice Brown was high pointer for Hamlin with six. Eva Wallace made five, Lusara Dean and Louise Lakey each looped four. Guards were June Hill, Mittie Ray, Jo Ann Hallum, Whynama Hayes and Peggy Killion.

Piperettes Lose Two Games in Roby Meet

Coach Dora Mitchell's Piperette cagers of Hamlin High School participated in the Roby invitational tournament last week-end at Roby.

The locals lost their first game Thursday afternoon to Wylie by a 19 to 58 score. Helen Johnston was high pointer for Hamlin with eight, followed by Linda Carlton with seven. Hamilton and Purcell of Wylie each scored 16.

In the second game Saturday morning the Piperettes lost a tight game 29 to 33 to the Merkel girls.

IDENTIFICATION WRONG.

"Lady," said the traffic officer, "you have no red light on your car."

"I'll have yo uknow, officer," she returned indignantly, "this isn't that kind of a car!"

Rites Held for Father Of Hamlin Women

Final rites for V. L. Goodwin of Stamford, 85-year-old retired farmer, were conducted last Friday week at the First Baptist Church in Stamford. He died the previous Thursday in a Stamford hospital following an illness of three years.

Among survivors of the octogenarian were Mmes. W. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Alton Hewett of Hamlin.

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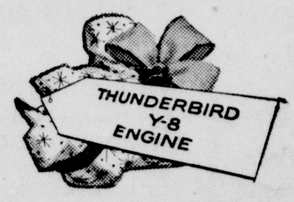


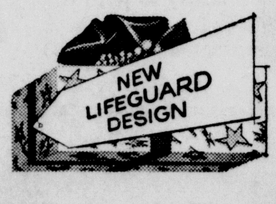
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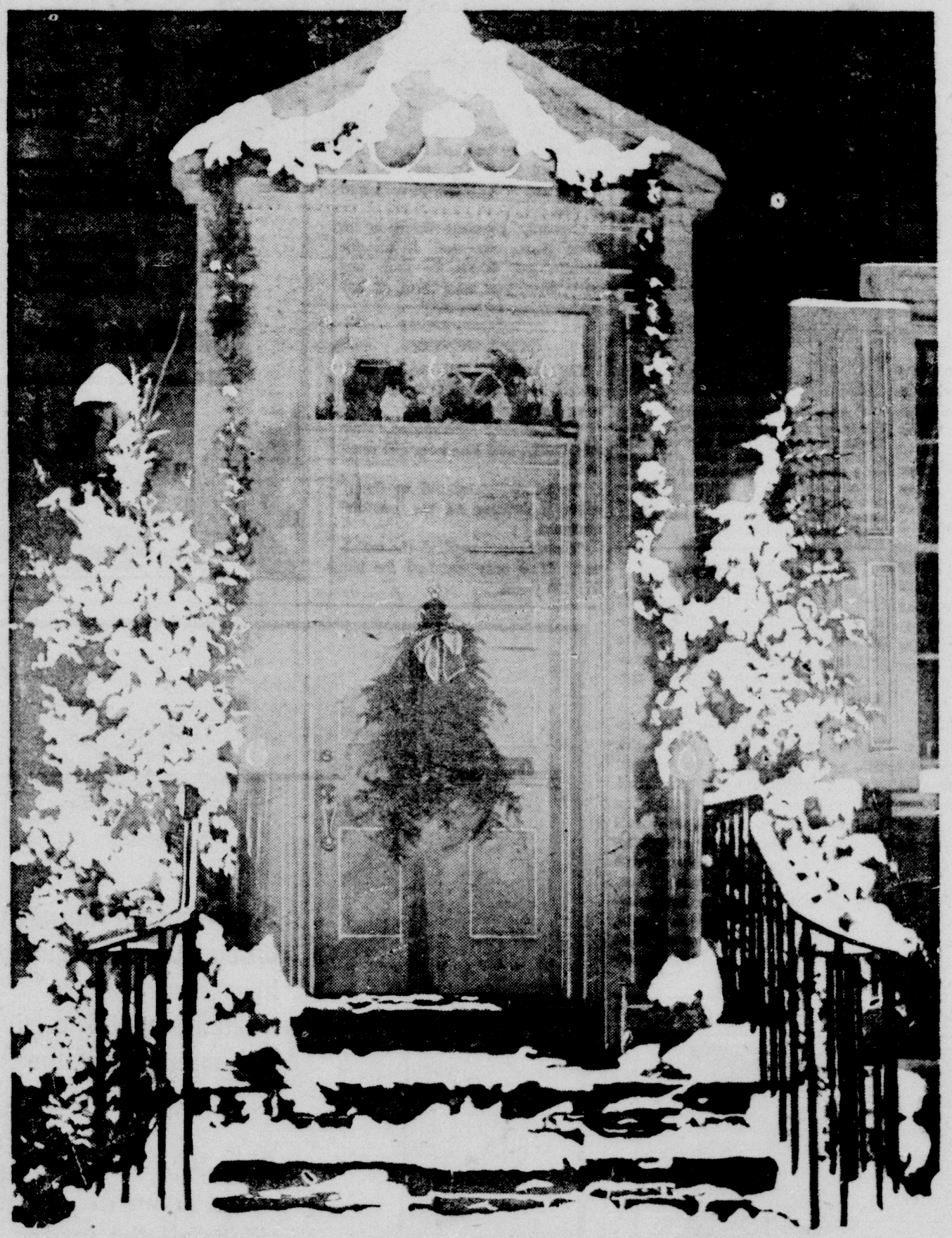
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Merrie Christmas to All

We say Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers . . .

We want you all to know how much we have enjoyed your patronage and friendship and we take this opportunity to wish you and yours - - a holiday complete with happiness to last forever and ever!

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Christmas Customs In Austria Have Changed Very Littl

Christmas customs in Austria, where tradition is held sacred, have changed only a little in the past 100 years and Christmas still is the most important holiday for the Austrians.

In fact, the only substantial change happened about 90 years ago when Austrians broke with the custom of having the Christmas tree, top pointing downward, hanging from a crossbeam of the ceiling. Instead, it is placed on a table or on the floor, standing up.

Austrian experts on customs say that gifts have grown in size and that about 50 years ago, only "token gifts" were exchanged while more substantial gifts were left to January 1.

There also is a trend toward a "Father Christmas" figure (the Weichnachtsmann) as the assumed bearer of gifts to children. The German occupation from 1938 to 1945—the Germans have a "Father Christmas"—and the American influence of Santa Claus have combined with the fact that a "Father Christmas" is easier to picture on advertisements than Austria's traditional Christ Child (Christkind) named by Austrian parents as the bearer of Christmas gifts. However, the Christ Child still is the dominating Christmas figure.

INCONSEQUENTIAL.

Little Boy (on a transcontinental train)—"Mother, what's the name of the last station we stopped at?"

Mother—"Don't bother me now, dear, I'm reading. Why do you ask?"

Little Boy—"Because sister got off there."

Ouija boards get their name from a combination of the French and German words for "yes."



Cotton fashions do double duty for many fall and winter occasions. Greta Plattry designed this colorful paisley-print cotton shirt dress as part one of a two-part fashion. To be ensembled with the paisley cotton shirtdress is a solid red, glamorous chesterfield jumper in Merrimack cotton velveteen.

TECHNICAL LANGUAGE.

Giving an orange to someone is a simple matter unless the transaction is entrusted to a lawyer to put into writing. He would probably use something similar to this form:

"I hereby give, grant and convey to you all my interes, right, title and advantage of and in said orange, together with its rind, skin, juice and pits; and all rights and advantages therein, with full power to bite, suck or otherwise eat the same, or give away with or without he rind, skin, juice, pulp or pits; anything hereinbefore or in any other deed or deeds, instrument of any nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding."

Early Colonial Laws Banned Yule Practices

Celebrating Christmas was frowned upon by Puritans in the early New England colonies. They did not observe holy days.

The observation of Christmas and the making of mince pies were forbidden by blue laws in the Massachusetts and New Haven colonies.

HAD IT COMING.

They had been married for 35 years, and for 35 years she had been the family bread-winner. Then one day he died. The widow instructed that his body be cremated and the ashes be delivered to her.

Carefully placing them in an hour glass, she set it on the mantle, sat down to rock and said, "Now, you lazy bum, at last you're going to work!"

CAN'T TESTIFY.

The quack was selling an elixir which he declared would make men live to a great age.

"Look at me," he shouted. "Hale and hearty, and I'm over 300 years old."

"Is he really as old as that?" asked a listener of the youthful assistant.

"I can't say," replied the assistant. "I've only worked for him for 100 years."

Greetings

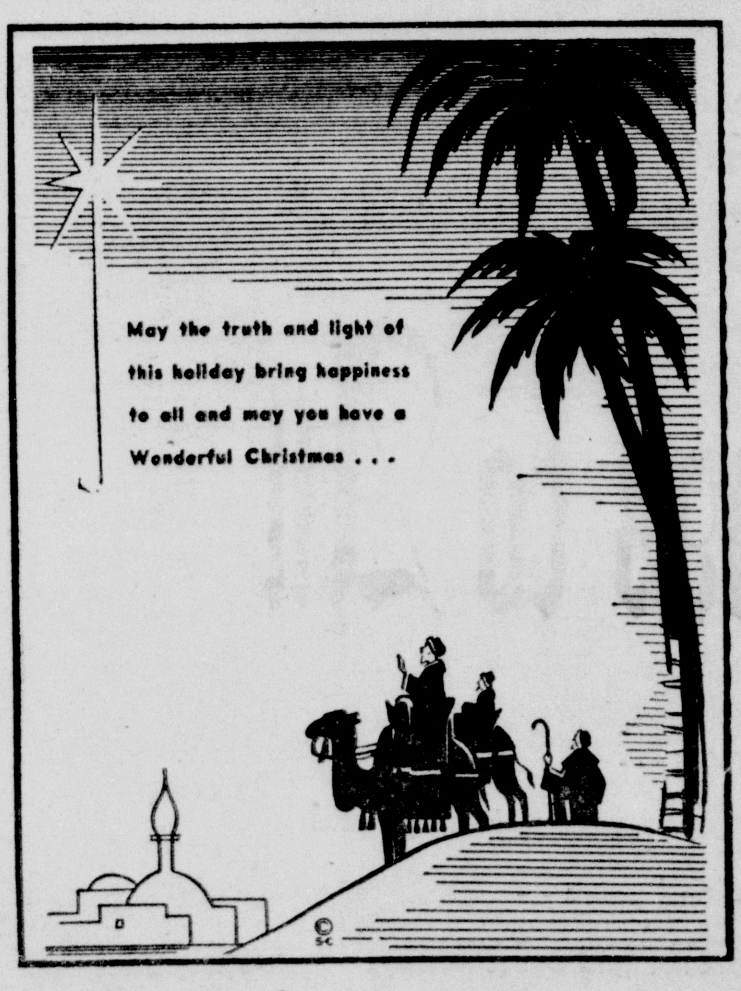
To our friends and neighbors we offer our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

To you, our patrons—we extend our thanks for your friendliness in the past year.

And for all of us we add the hope for a peaceful and bountiful New Year.

The Style Mart

214 South Central Avenue



Starr's

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"Good Food Is Not Cheap . . . Cheap Food Is Not Good"

SWEETWATER — ODESSA — HAMLIN

Again as the wondrous Christmas season opens our hearts, we sense something of the miracle and mystery of the first Christmas.

May the blessed Yuletide spirit bring to you and yours all the peace and happiness that the first Christmas brought to the Wise Men.

This is the wish of your friends at . . . . . .

McDONALD'S



formed into a torch to thaw out his

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I want a doctor set and a real puppy. Thank you —Alice June Hill.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. go to school. I like school. Please bring me a doll.—Linda Sue Holding.

—

Dear Santa: I want a doll and cowgirl suit. Thank you.—Penny Carothers.

—

Dear Santa: I want a walking and a pair of boots. Thank —Janet Kelly.

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Dear Santa: I want two guns a cap rifle. Thank you— vin McDowell.

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Dear Santa: I want a doctor set a tiny tear doll. Thank you nnie D. Cochran.

—

Dear Santa: I want a motor er and a cattle truck. Thank Ronnie Wilcox.

—

Dear Santa Claus: Bring me a football. Love—Junior Solis.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll and a doll bed. Love—Lydia Guitierrez.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll. Love—Linda Goodwin.

—

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a walking doll and a Bible and a drumstick. Love — Sue Roddy.

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Dear Santa: Bring me a Davy Crockett gun and a knife.—Gary Connally.

—

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballet doll. Love—Jean Young.

—

Dear Santa: I want a bicycle and a football set. Love—John Osbourn.

—

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a dress, a pair of shoes and a bicycle. Love—Vicki Newland.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a football and helmet. Love—John Orville Holland.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, doll buggy and a bed. Love—Joyce Fry.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballet doll. Love—Suzanne Wicker.

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Dear Santa: Bring me a bicycle.—Joe Florez.

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Dear Santa: Bring me two guns and a belt and a scabbard.—David.

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Dear Santa: I want a gun.—Rodolfo Mendoza.

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Dear Santa: I want a junior fencing kit a football and some house shoes.—Billy Banta.

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Dear Santa: Bring me a doll with hair.—Shirley Thompson.

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Dear Santa: I want a football, a basketball and a bicycle. Love —Jim Bonds.

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Dear Santa: I want a robot gun and a bicycle.—Bill Lassetem.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ballet doll. Love—Belinda Woods.

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Dear Santa: I want a bicycle and a tool set. Love—Larry McCoy.

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Dear Santa: Please come to my house to see me and Jerry too.—Jeannette Brown.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old and I go to school. I like school. Please come to see me.—Marilyn

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I go to school. I like school. Please come to see me.—Victor Martinez.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I go to school. I like school. Please come.—Carol Martinez.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a farming set, record player, some records and a gun. I have been a real good boy. I love you—Dubby Jones.

—

Dear Santa: I want guns and a big truck and a dig truck.—Lorenzo Rodriguez.

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Dear Santa: I want two guns and one rifle and a rubber knife. I want you to come.—Douglas Carlton.



woven cotton tweed suit by Miami adapts to many occa- Because it's cotton, it's com- le in steam-heated buildings, e tweedy texture makes it for cold-weather wear. A suit is is an asset in any woman's she, according to the National Council, because it can be round-the-calendar.

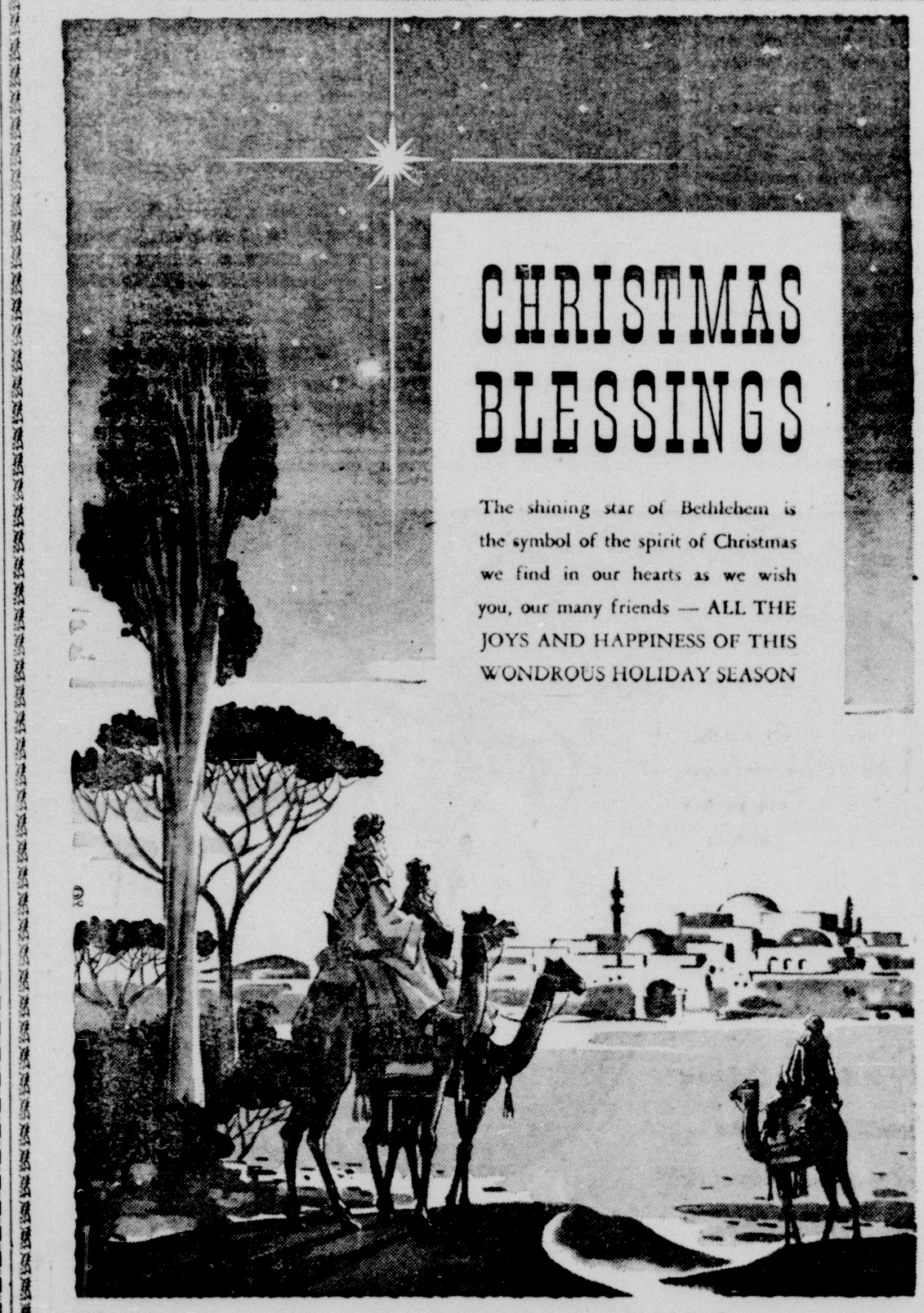


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Santa says, and we do, too: Happy Holiday to all of you!

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Seven Towns in United States Bear Name of Bethlehem, Christ's Birthplace

There are seven "little towns" of Bethlehem in the United States —one of which is not so little, being the city Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, more than seven times the size of the original Bethlehem in Palestine.

Thousands of Christmas cards and other greetings are sent to the post offices of Bethlehem in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland and New Hampshire for postmarks.

The star of Bethlehem not only is featured in most of the holiday cachets from these places but also figures prominently in commuity decorations. In Pennsylvania, a star 100 feet tall is lighted on the top of South Mountain above the city of Bethlehem, from where it is visible 20 miles away.

Another star of Bethlehem is mounted annually on the top of the tallest cedar tree in Bethlehem, Maryland, from where it can be seen for about three miles from that community on the eastern shore of Maryland.

In Indiana, 30 miles upstream along the Ohio River from Louisville a large silvered star, outlined in electric lights, was donated and first erected in 1945 on the tower of the Community Church of Bethlehem by a proud father because his daughter, Ruth Ann Berry, had been born in the town on Christmas Day, 1933.

The only public Christmas decoration in Bethlehem, Georgia, a hamlet of 240 population, is a star about eight feet wide, containing 160 lights, which is displayed over the business district.

Because Bethlehem, New Hampshire, is primarily a summer resort, Christmas is observed quietly by its winter population of only 430. A nativity scene is set up on the village square, but house decorations carry out the star of Bethlehem theme.

No commercial advantage is claimed for the name of Bethlehem by the postmasters, town clerks or Chambers of Commerce in these communities. At Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, "the city tries to make the Christmas observance as non-commercial as possible."

The naming of these towns naturally was based on strong religious tradition. On Christmas eve in 1741, a small band of Moravian settlers gathered in a crude log cabin on a bank of the Conocacy Creek, near where that stream joins the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania. The singing of an old Moravian hymn, "Not Jerusalem, Lowly Bethlehem!" so inspired them and their patron leader, Count Nicholas Zizendorf, that they decided to name their new world home Bethlehem.



Here's a child's Christmas gift to make from cotton bags. A "Noah's Ark" toy bag complete with wee, wild animals can fill many hours with imaginative play. The "ark" hung on a nursery wall helps relieve toy clutter, for the animals are tucked in at bedtime. Print and plain cotton bags used to package feed, flour, and other staple products offer a wide range of fabrics for making gifts.

Settlers who migrated farther from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, founded Bethlehem, Indiana, in 1912 and named the place after their Pennsylvania home town.

Bethlehem, Kentucky, was originally named Mobley Stand. When the first post office was established in December, 1862, the postmaster, one Jamison Hall, inspired by the nearness of Christmas, changed the name to Bethlehem.

Bethlehem, New Hampshire, once was called Lloyd's Hill, but in 1799, Bible minded settlers changed the name because they thought the terrain was similar to that of Bethlehem in Judea.

A pioneer settler once named Bethlehem, Georgia, but old-timers in the Maryland community say that nobody knows exactly how that town was named. It could have been because it is a peaceful and gentle place.

The present postmistress at Bethlehem, Maryland, has an appropriate name, too. It's Mary Carol. She works each night through the Christmas season until 9:00 or 10:00 o'clock and usually has to have extra help to postmark greetings.

A corner room in the home of Mrs. Lee Heyton, postmistress of Bethlehem, Kentucky, serves as a post office and her husband, daughter and two sons have to pitch in to cancel Christmas mail there. A drawing of the Three Wise Men is used to mark the mail, brought in by people of all over Kentucky.

The heaviest mail burden descends on Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where 250 extra employees are required for the Christmas season.

TOYS FROM $1 to $3,000.

Toys for children this year range from $1 picture books to $3,000 electric trains.



From all of us to all of you, go our heartfelt wishes that you may enjoy A Very Merry Christmas!

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Gulf Service Station
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We say Thanks to our Many Loyal Customers And Add our Best Wishes that Your Holiday Be Warm and Glowing



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We hope that this Christmas season will be for you one of good cheer and gladness, rich in the joys of friendships and all the good things that make life comfortable and worthwhile.

We sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

J. C. Turner, Attorney

Christmas Putzes Among Distinctive Features of Holiday

Christmas "putzes" are among the most distinctive features of the holiday season in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. "Putz" in the dialect of the sixteenth century Saxon meant to decorate—especially to decorate a church. And Christmas in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is largely a Moravian Christmas.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's Day the community Christmas Putz is open to the public. It is built annually by the Moravian Service Guild. It is a miniature portrayal of the nativity in which scenes are grouped under a single Christmas tree or many trees with moss as a base for landscaping.

The designer of the putz uses treasured figures of wood or papier-mache, tiny fences, gnarled stumps, rocks carefully kept from year to year, little trees and other miniatures, so arranged that the Holy Family, represented in cave or thatched stable, is always the central subject.

Weeks are spent in preparation. As early as October, the pouring of thousands of pure beeswax candles is begun. The candle-making itself is a hand process using the same methods and types of molds employed by early settlers. The tiny candles which are used in Moravian churches and homes throughout the nation, are supposed to symbolize the coming of light into the world with the birth of the Christ Child.

Alexander the Great was born in Macedonia, died in Babylon and was buried in Egypt.

THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio



"I DID do some quick thinking—but none of it was right!"

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Loosen a cake which has stuck to the pan by placing the tin over a bowl of boiling water.

An ordinary paper plate glued to the bottom of a paint can will save splatters and is much easier to move than newspapers under the can.

A dry cork will remove stains from silver or silverplate more quickly than almost anything else and it never scatches. If the cork is cut to a point it can be worked into crevices.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The name Christmas comes from the early English term Christes Masse or Christ's Mass.

PUNCTUATED.

A pupil was having trouble with punctuation and was being called down by the teacher.

"Never mind, sonny," said Mr. Smithers, a visitor to the classroom, consolingly, "it's foolish to bother about commas. They don't mean much, anyway."

"Oh don't they?" replied the teacher. Then, calling to one of the pupils, she had the boy write this sentence on the board: "Mr. Smithers says the teacher is a fool."

"Now," she continued, "put a comma after 'Smithers' and another after 'teacher'."

Thomas Jefferson invented the sliding doors used on our street cars over 125 years ago.

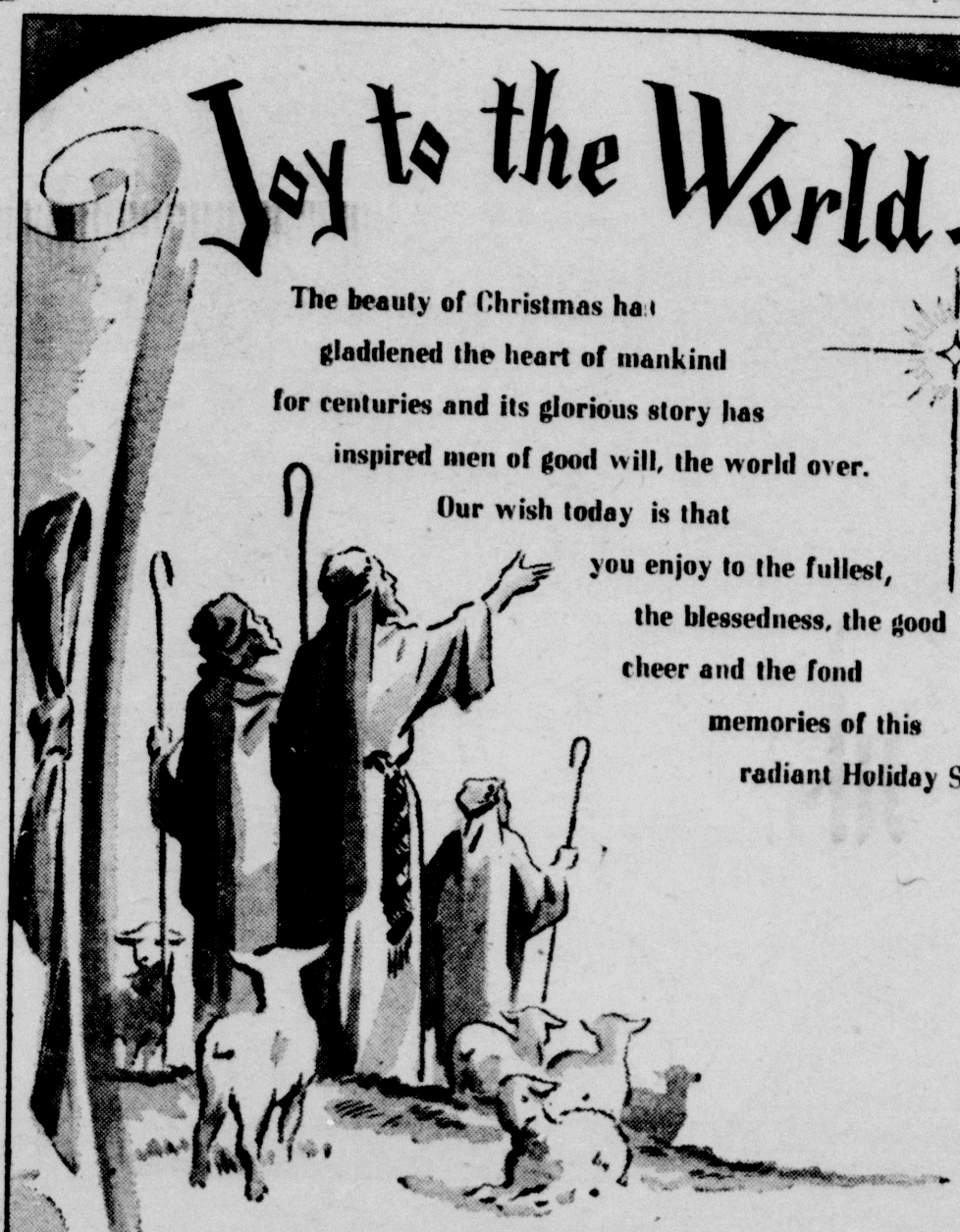


This Christmas may you have happiness and good cheer in your home... contentment and joy in your heart. And may the New Year hold for you, a full share of good health and good fortune.

LOVELL'S
SERVICE STATION
At the McCoulley Y

Joy to the World...

The beauty of Christmas has gladdened the heart of mankind for centuries and its glorious story has inspired men of good will, the world over. Our wish today is that you enjoy to the fullest, the blessedness, the good cheer and the fond memories of this radiant Holiday Season.

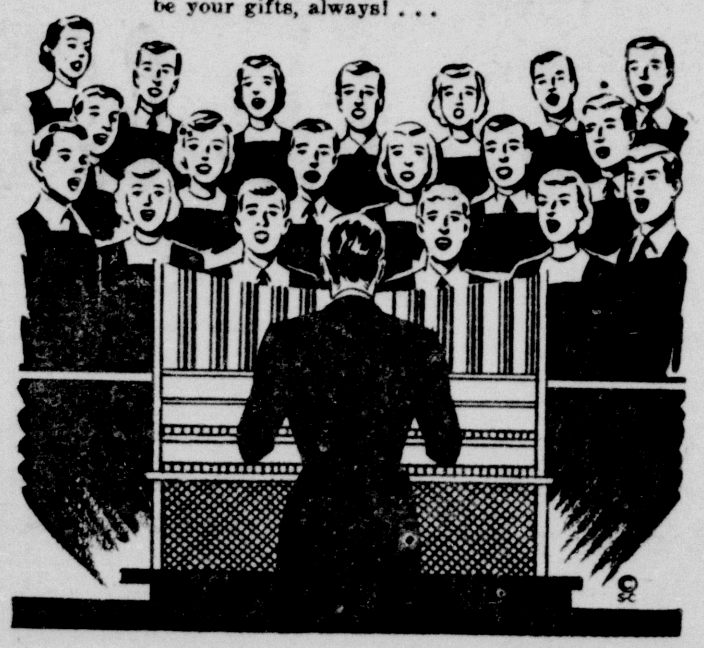


Carl Young
TRUCKING CONTRACTOR
PHONE 158



YULETIDE GREETINGS

At this Christmas-spirited time, May all of you be blessed with a bounty of happiness. . . . May peace and plenty be your gifts, always! . . .



The Book Shop
Mrs. E. M. WILSON, Owner

American Christmas Most Near Resembles Old English Tradition

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a rope, is raised for the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Chrstmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Kheen-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas.



The sheath is again one of fashion's favorite designs, the National Cotton Council reports. This slim cotton sheath by Helen Whiting features lace trim on the scoop neckline and short sleeves.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus: A want a Davy Crockett gun and holster, a football and anything else that you want to bring a good little boy.—Robin Sanderlin.

Dear Santa: I think I've been a good girl. Mama said so. Please bring me a doll, dishes, cooking things, clothes for Betty, my old doll. Don't forget to fill my stocking. I love you—Janice McCracken, Box 654, Hamlin.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a baby doll and a doll bed; also a baby monkey. I have been a good girl. Love—Sherilynne Witt, 638 Northwest Seventh.

Dear Santa: I am trying to be good. Please bring me a tricycle, a piano and a double-barrel shotgun. Bring Phillip something nice, too. Don't forget Sandra and Larry. Love—Mark Madden.

December 25 Has Been Famous for Historical Events

Chrstmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25 as the date of the birth of the Savior.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25 other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history wil tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton Clara Barton and Frances Blake among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, the Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, the wreck of Santa Maria in Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan.

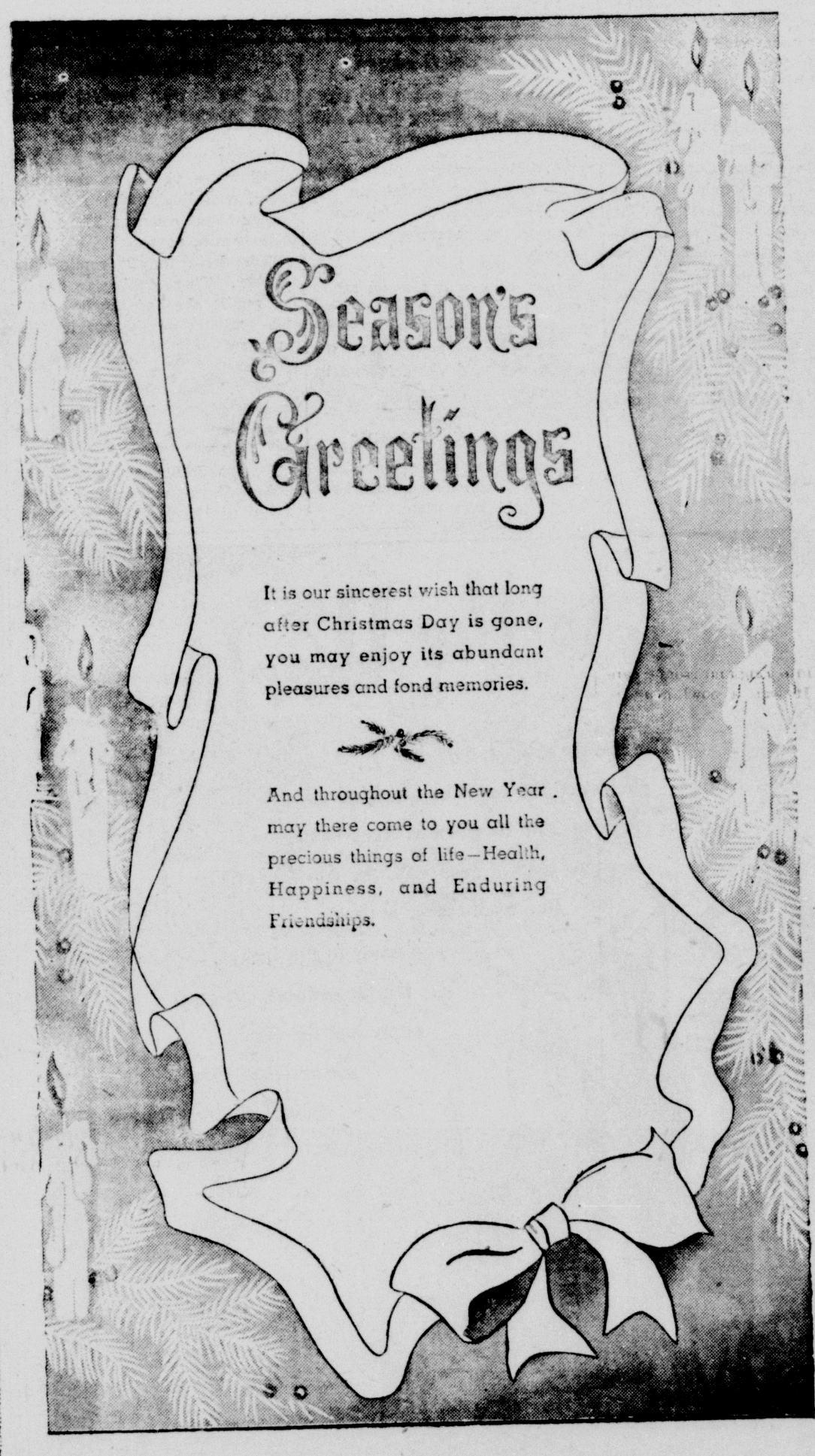
It was also on Christmas day in 1947, that China's contstitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington settled on Christmas day, 1847 by Peter W. Crawford.

The joy of brightening other lives, bearing others' burdens, easing others' loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas.—W. C. Jones.



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German Kids Have It Good! Santa Comes To See Them Twice at Christmastime

Germans observe Christmas now much as they did centuries ago, especially in rural sections.

They go to church, have big family dinners and exchange presents. The youngsters have good at Christmas time. Santa Claus comes to see them twice.

He arrives first on December 6 in the role of Saint Nicholas and the second time on December 24 as the "Christmas Man."

Unlike American children, little German boys and girls don't hang up their stockings by the fireplace. They put their shoes outside the door. Then Saint Nicholas comes by—if the children have been good, of course—and leaves them some candy.

Saint Nicholas doesn't wear a red suit trimmed in white fur as Santa Claus does. Saint Nicholas wears a heavy brown fur uniform with a rope belt and leather boots. That's for his December 6 visit.

But when Christmas Eve rolls around, he shows up as the Christmas Man wearing the traditional red suit trimmed in white fur and carrying a big bag of gifts.

German Santas do not climb down the chimneys. They walk right in the front door. Maybe it's because German Santas are fatter.

And both Saint Nicholas and the Christmas Man live in the sky—not at the North Pole. They just use the North Pole as a post office address. German youngsters address their letters to "Reindeer Land, Igloo No. 1, North Pole."

PROGRESS IN DOLLS.

Along with style changes in other toys, dolls have progressed from the pretty, dumb stage, through the "Mama" and her diaper-wetting stage to the present dolls that can be fed, take a walk, do a toe dance. There's even one that will open her mouth so her little mother can fix her teeth.

COMES BY IT HONEST.

"Late again, Watkins," roared the boss. "How do you account for this persistent tardiness?"

"It's inherited," sir," answered Watkins. "My father was the late John Watkins."

JAMAICAN PLUM PUDDING.

Plum pudding is the thing for Christmas on the island of Jamaica. The poorer people bake on ovenless stoves a mixture of corn meal, cocoanut milk, sugar, raisins and a dash of rose water.



May your enjoyment of the Holidays be young in spirit and gay in heart. And may you have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

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Brazos Bridge East of Anson Under Contract

As part of the bridge rebuilding and widening program being conducted all over the State by the State Highway Commission, a new bridge is being constructed on Highway 180 east of Anson.

A contract for the Brazos River bridge and approaches has been awarded to Austin Bridge Company of Dallas, which submitted a low bid of $90,143.61. The job is expected to be completed within 150 working days, according to J. C. Roberts, district highway engineer at Abilene.

THAT TOUCH OF GREEN.

Every home looks prettier at Christmas time if greens are scattered about. Wherever you can find an excuse to put a vase or bowl of evergreen branches, pine cones, holly berries, green vines, etc., take advantage of it.

ORIGIN OF WASSAIL.

Henry VII introduced the wassail bowl into England from Scandinavia. It was a bowl containing a mixture of hot ale, spices and toasted apples. A drink of good cheer, it was drunk in token of success for the coming year.



The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.



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Variety of Pastries Can Add to Spirit of Christmas, But Don't Overdo Things

What is Christmas without a party?

A party, of course, can be anything from a friend dropping in for a cup of punch to a full-scale ball.

Since people's spirits are keyed to the season's whirl of activities, parties where good food and drink are dispensed can be brightened by several Christmas games.

Games can include charades finding as many words as possible in some long Christmas word like "mistletoe," and carol singing.

Always have cookies, stuffed dates, nuts or candies setting around for guests to nibble on.

When friends come in to help trim the tree, give them fruit or nut cake, sliced right in front of them.

The late Christmas Eve supper that is served before or after midnight services, or after the last ornament is on the tree, is usually a buffet meal. One traditional menu is oyster stew, a relish tray and a dessert such as pecan pie. Lots of hot coffee, of course.

If you don't plan food, you will have a punch bowl—even when its contents are nothing stronger than a fruit punch made with ginger ale. A punch bowl is one of the easiest and most gracious ways to offer guests Christmas cheer.

Above all, don't forget the children.

Children's parties should include simple, familiar foods easy to eat. Their games should let off steam at the beginning of the party and calm them down before they eat or leave for home.

For adult or child, full-course meal or just punch, the hostess or host—mustre member: It does not have to be elaborate to be fun. And don't wear yourself out in preparation to the point where you cannot enjoy the party yourself. A gracious hostess fully enjoying her guests makes a party more successful than all the extra flourishes to decorations of food.

In the Philippines, students at Christian schools serenade the wealthier families with Christmas carols, accompanied by enthusiastic tom-toms, guitars and harmonicas.

Christmas Tree First Used by German Folks

The Germans claim they originated the idea of a Christmas tree. And it was a German, according to old newspaper files, who introduced the Christmas tree in America.

The story is that a German priest who emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, set up a Christmas tree in his church in the 1846s. He was almost chased out of the church. The congregation didn't like the idea.

But a few years later, a German tailor who settled in Wooster, Ohio, started using Christmas trees, and somehow the idea caught on this time.

CHRISTMAS PIG.

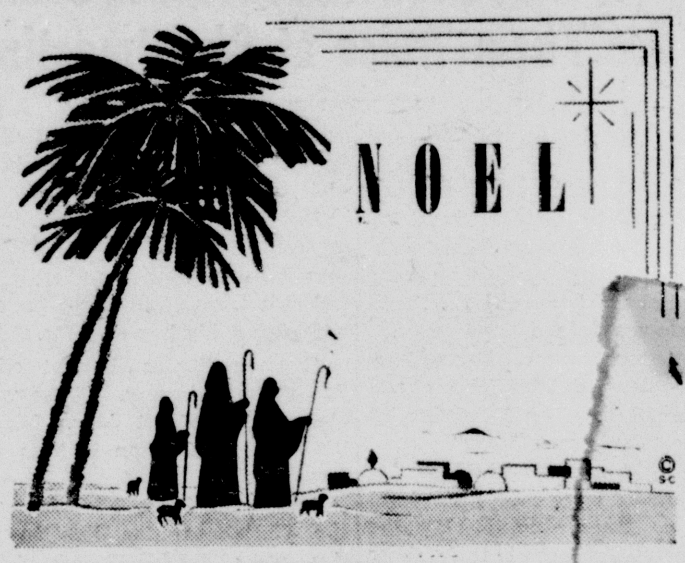
The roasting of the Christmas pig is an important ceremony at Christmas in Poland and Serbia.

Door Decorations May Highlight Christmas

Cluster of shellacked fruit surrounded by green leaves makes a pretty door spray at Christmas time.

A pretty door decoration may be made by placing red cardboard over the front door panel on which are placed Santa Claus, mask belts and mittens.

A large bell makes an attractive door decoration at Christmas time. Tape it to the door with transparent tape.



THE CAKE BOX

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Greetings

ONCE MORE, with the approach of Christmas,
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It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled
with a glad spirit and good health.

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To Wish You a Happy Christmas

May joys beyond description be yours for Christmas and the New Year.

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"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

In the holy spirit of the true Christmas, with the warmth and benevolence of His Day – we say to all our many friends – May your holiday be rich with many blessings!

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Christmas Trees Pose Fire Hazard, Citizens Reminded

Every average American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen tree growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas Day or to leave it too long after December 25. Trees of all kinds will become inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week should take special precautions to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators and other sources of heat. When you smoke stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape should a fire occur.

NEIGH, SISTER.

A nag is a woman who has no horse sense.



Two cooks are better than one! And both cooks love their pretty, practical cobbler aprons in Everglaze cotton chintz. The little cotton aprons are gay enough for a party, but they are excellent for kitchen duty, too.

Left-Over Cranberry Sauce Best Utilized

When you serve left-over turkey creamed, garnish with apple slices spread with cream cheese topped with a cranberry turkey or other Christmas cut-outs cut from one-half inch slices of canned jelly.

For festive hot bread, add a teaspoon of cranberry jelly or sauce to each muffin batter before it is baked.

For a holiday sauce for puddings, add four tablespoons of brown sugar to a can of cranberry sauce. Heat and serve hot.

A good intention clothes itself with power.

Color May Be Added To Yule Logs by Using Modern Chemicals

If you wish to get as much "color" as possible in your Christmas ob[illegible]ve? ice

Pine [illegible]ng or chips can be so treated as to give off colored flames when burned in the fireplace. Dipped or soaked in a solution of various salts of certain metals, cones or chips will burn with a distinctive color. Cones will not readily absorb water, so salts must be suspended in a solution of turpentine.

Compounds which produce specific colors when burned are: Red—strontium chloride; green—barium chloride; blue-green—copper oxide or copper sulfate; orange—calcium chloride; lavender—potassium chloride; and yellow—sodium chloride.

A second method—if only cones are to be used—is to dip the cones in paraffin and before the paraffin hardens sprinkle with the following chemicals for desired color effect: Green—copper sulfate; red—strontium nitrate; orange—calcium nitrate; and yellow—sodium chloride.

DISCERNMENT.

The smart man is the one who knows the difference between temptation and opportunity.



To My Dear Friends and Good Customers . . .

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How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chim

answer to this common about Santa and Christmas, st go back to Saint Nicho- ponsible for so many other related to Christmas.

a story about an im- d nobleman who was un- nd husbands for his three s because he could not dowry for each. He was o sell the daughters into when St. Nicholas heard t. Silently, Old Saint Nick d three bags of gold down mney. All three daughters rried and lived happily

Saint Nicholas was holding three bags thought that he 343 A. D., and his fo- that for 30 days after ath his genial spirit roamed arth, filling the hearts of nd with love and generosity. ould be said that St. Nick . Clement Moore, who wrote isit from Saint Nicholas' better known as "'Twas the Before Christmas") con- d most to our present con- f Santa Claus.

t Christmas Trees aly Originated in t with Use of Palm

nd has it that the Christ- tree originated in Egypt, the first trees used were trees.

Germans brought the tree erica, however, as they also uced it to England. The n Prince Albert, consort of Victoria, introduced the ree into England when he tree, for his young daugh-

tin Luther is said to have t the first Christmas tree s for decoration, early in teenth century.

n you fasten ornaments to ree this year you will be morating a centuries-old n legend that relates how blossomed and flowered ees miraculously bore rip- ruit on the eve of the first mas.



A snappy outfit for the coed's evening hours is designed by Harry Berger in cotton knit. For sleeping and lounging, this Tommies style combines a cotton knit top in contrasting stripes and patches with pants of a solid color.

Health Officials Warn Holiday Feasters to Keep Foods Healthful

Yuletide health hints are appropriate just now, say health officials, who make these suggestions:

With the Yuletide season approaching and the prospect of many tasty, delightful dishes in mind, let us not forget the possibility of food poisoning and its rather drastic results. Cleanliness and adequate refrigeration are the keynotes in the prevention of such an unhappy occurrence. Most food poisoning is caused by infection of certain types of bacteria which grow rapidly under favorable conditions, such as high temperature and high humidity. This infection may come from dirty hands, utensils, flies, rodents, infected food materials or contaminated water.

"Food should be purchased in a fresh state and consumed while still fresh. If food is allowed to stand hours before serving and at high temperatures, good culture media for bacteria results. Therefore, refrigeration is a necessity. If food must be prepared in advance of use, it should be cooked thoroughly and kept refrigerated below 50 degrees until used. In general, milk, ice cream and dairy products should come from approved sources."

amily Can Lighten Burdens of Mom with Help at Christmastime

The holiday whirl is about us gain, and before it is all over ome of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a ign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1956!"

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the morning and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season.

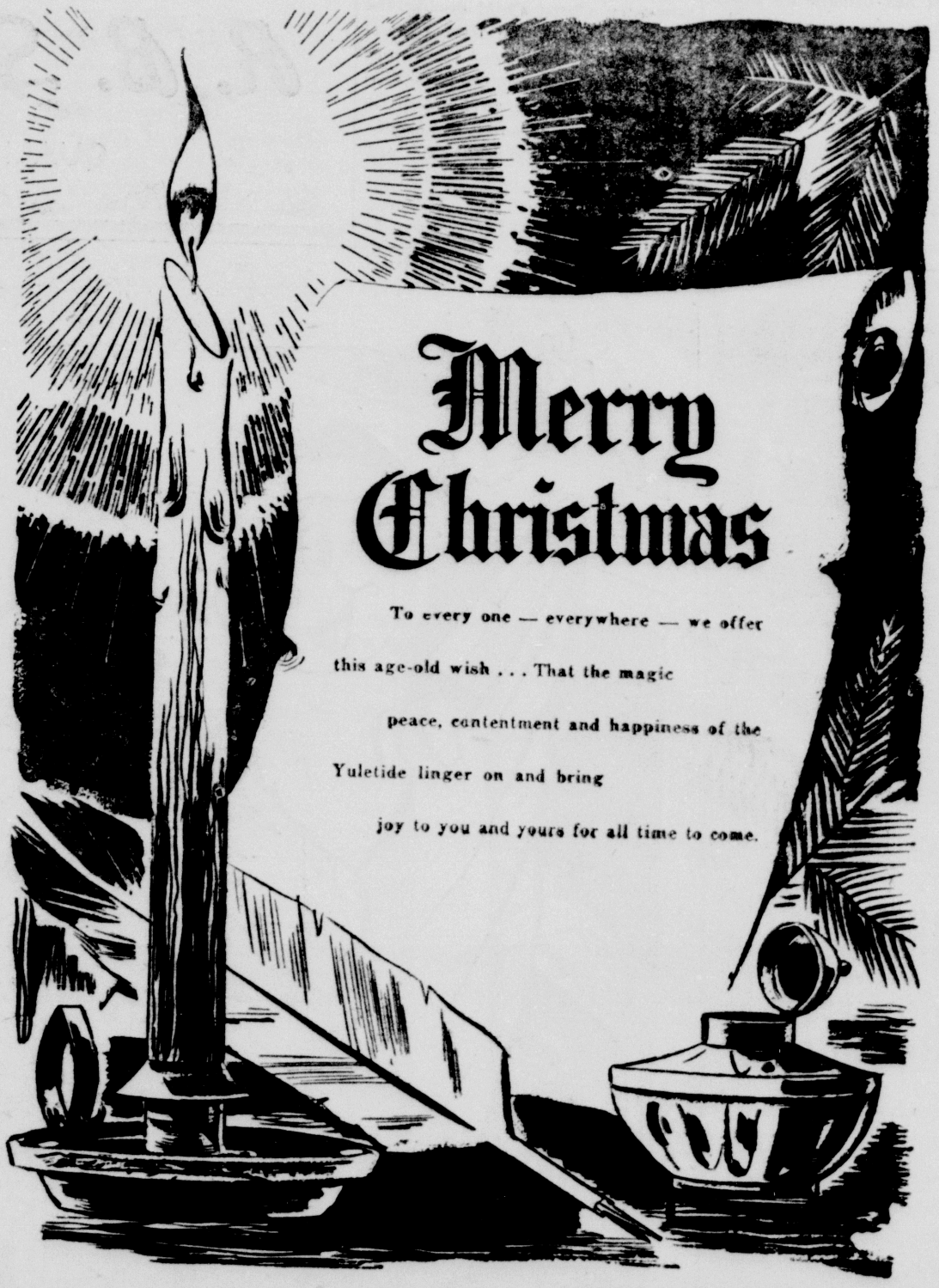
It takes you to make an argument.—Anna Faye.

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Artificiality of Christmas Is Detracting From True Observance, Says Minister

Deploring the artificiality of Christmas, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., has this to say:

A well known Hollywood actress met a friend a few days before Christmas and gushed, "My dear, I am so thrilled. I have a green Christmas tree this year!"

"Darling, where in the world did you find a green Christmas tree?" asked her friend.

"Well, I'll tell you what I did. I bought a white one and had them spray it green."

Though likely this never happened, even in Hollywood, it illustrates very well the artificiality of a great deal of our present day Christmas celebration. For too many Americans, Christmas has become a hectic season of feverish shopping for gifts and cards to be exchanged with people equally busy at the same social duty to the end that all will come out even. When the last gift is opened and the last card recorded on the index, a sigh of relief escapes the harassed household. "Well, that's over for another year."

By this I do not mean to criticize or belittle the Christmas custom of sending gifts or greetings to friends and family. It can be truly in the Christmas spirit. But too often it has become an artificial custom as far removed from the real meaning and spirit of Christmas as a white Christmas tree sprayed green.

Tinsel has become for many people the symbol of Christmas. Tinsel shining in candlelight is gay and pretty. Garish yellow gold and white shimmering silver can symbolize a happy holiday but one that has little, if anything, to do with the birth of Jesus which we are supposed to be celebrating each December.

Hay is a much better Christmas symbol than tinsel. Hay is natural—it does not glitter but has a scent that sends one's thoughts and memories back to the real and simple things of life. Barns and cattle, the old farm in the country, the homestead cosy and warm against the sparkling snow and cold of Christmas Eve without; and at least three generations, sometimes four, gathered in the parlor and decorating a fir tree, cut from the wood lot, with popcorn strings and home-made paper daubles, and hanging stockings of all sizes and shapes upon the mantel-piece in expectation of Santa's later visit when the children have gone to bed.

Hay, rather than tinsel, reminds us of homely joys of an earlier, simpler life now largely fictional for most Americans. Who can hang nylons over an air-conditioning unit? How can Santa's sleigh slide over a city's asphalt streets stripped of snow?

But hay sends us back even farther and deeper into the true Christmas celebration. It was in a manger filled with hay in a shed or barn behind the crowded Inn of Bethlehem that they laid the new-born Christ Child during the darkness before the first Christmas dawn. Unless our Christmas celebration begins at the hay-filled manger it is sure to be a little hollow and somewhat artificial.

In a world filled with hate and hunger, cruelty and selfishness,

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Merry Christmas

As the Three Wise Men sought and found, so may all of our friends find the greatest measure of joy in this holy season. . . .



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

With the advent of another Holiday Season, we feel a special joy and personal satisfaction in wishing our many friends, Good Health, Happiness, and all the Blessings of a bright New Year.

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Season's Greetings



Dr. and Mrs.
J. W. McCrary

ARTIFICIALITY

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how can we be gay this Christmas? Only as we recapture the faith that God did something so important on the first Christmas that all men can rejoice however cold their night or dark their prospect this December. What specifically is this Christmas faith?

First, it is the belief that God revealed Himself in that birth in Bethlehem; that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, forever driving away the fear of God or gods that still plagues the non-Christian world.

Second, it is the response to God's gift of love which overflows from all Christian hearts sufficiently to embrace all men from every race and nation in a brotherhood of good will.

Third, it is a new vision of the wonder of every little child which puts him in the center of the human family and renews in each family circle that love which alone makes life worth the living.

Finally, it is a hope of peace among all nations despite all the darkness, despite the cruelties of all Herods, ancient or modern, and despite the selfishness and greed that besets us all.

Let me, then, suggest three things to do to recapture the true celebration of Christmas in your family, even if to do them you must forego some of the things you have usually done to celebrate the holiday.

First, plan to go as a family all together to some Christmas service at your church. It may be a choral service or a holy communion on Christmas Eve or on the Sunday before the holiday. But whatever it is, be sure to go to church in order to place your whole Christmas in the only setting that can make it real and truly rewarding.

Second, find some needy person or some needy cause to whom you and your family give the very best and most expensive gift you give this year. And give the best gift to someone from whom there can be no return to you, except your own joy in being truly generous. If there is a lonely person who has no family to join on Christmas day, include him or her in your family circle. A selfish Christmas is a contradiction.

Finally, when the family is all together on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, start the custom in your house of reading aloud Luke 2:1-20. Let father or mother read the Christmas story or perhaps one or more of the older children would read it to the rest. After the reading, let all join in a Christmas carol such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem" or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." If your family can't sing very well, buy a record with the carol on it and play it on your player with all joining in. And at the end, let father lead the family in a prayer like this:

"O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem this day, may His spirit rule our hearts and lives today and always. We thank Thee for all Thy good gifts to us and to all men, for our life and love, for our friends and food, for the peace and good-will that Thou hast put into the hearts of good men everywhere, and above all, for Thy best gift of all, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. In His name, Amen."

FOR OTHER FELLOW.

A young lawyer was met by a friend as he was carrying an armful of books into court.

Said the friend, "I thought you carried all the law in your head."

"I do," said the young lawyer, "these are for the judge."



If wishes came in packages,
the biggest bulge in your
Christmas stocking would be our wish for
a New Year of happiness!

See Regular Section of Herald Today for Christmas Menu

THE CITY CAFE

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The Babe Divine, His Holy Mother —
Sacred symbols of this Day,
Reflect the warmest blessings that,
We hope will come your way.

A. C. HALL PAINT AND WALL PAPER

Home Decorators Headquarters

Take the Family to Church on Christ's Birthday as True Observance of Day

Christmas is a day for family worship at church.

Parents who decry juvenile ways should take advantage of the opportunity to encourage youthful devotion on this Holy Day.

Families with the largest Yule-tree, the costliest gifts and the largest Yuletide celebrations are sometimes those who have lost sght of the true meaning of Christmas. They celebrate Christ's birthday in pagan fashion.

Many families get great satisfaction out of the day, more so because the entire family attends church services together. Early in the morning after the gifts are opened, a Christmas breakfast takes place and the family is off to church—youngsters prepared to thank the Lord for a new bicycle or doll, the elders praying that perhaps they will find the way clear to meet the bills.

Little tots could be taught early that Christmas is the birthday of Christ, that He was born in a stable on a straw mattress. Every small child should be familiar with this scene, and if there is a creche at church, the youngster and family might visit it together before or after services. Little ones will want to know about the Wise Men, a good opportunity to explain that frankincense and myrrh were perhaps the first gifts offered on this holy day.

Time, too, to explain Christmas symbols—how the star represents the one that shone in the East, illuminating shepherd's pastures with its strange, bright light. And how it beckoned them to the stable.

Much confusion originates in children's mind about gifts and Christmas. Many poorly endowed children feel they are cheated. If the spiritual angle is stressed to them, with the beauty of the creche played up, and the loveliness of church flowers and decorations, theirs will not seem such a hopeless Christmas.

ST. NICK'S SPIRIT LIVES.

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A. D., and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true sprit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

Christmas: Dickens Says Is Good Time, Kind, Forgiving Time

Charles Dickens once referred to Christms as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour," why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

Gifts for the office at Herald.



Greetings For Christmas

—We'll go along with Santa in wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Mrs. L. L. Cowan

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merry christmas

Once again the season of song and merriment is at hand!
As young and old raise their voices in tune with the
Christmas celebration may we add to the chorus of harmonious
greetings, a cheerful wish for all our friends.
"May you have a Yuletide of comfort and joy—a New Year of peace,
good health and continued happiness."

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May a very merry Christmas season flourish at your house this year.



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On the McCaulley Highway

Many Legends About Christmas Trees Have Existed Through the Centuries

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as Boniface, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith: henceforth, the tribesman were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mystery appropriate to the nativity scene.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached the tree bent its branches over the huddled little group and when danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree has now [illegible] its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Savior.

HERE WE GO.

The city feller was talking to his country cousin.

"Nice bunch of cows you have there."

"Not bunch; you mean herd."

"Heard what?".

"Herd of cows."

"Sure, I've heard of cows."

"No, I mean a cow herd."

"What do I care if a cow heard? I never said anything to be asham[illegible]"

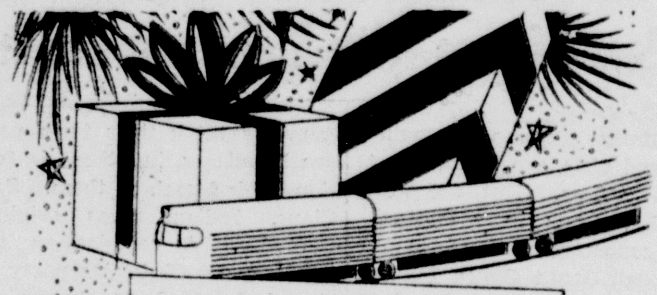
Christmas Mince Pie Carried Superstitions

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

SHREWD POLITICIAN.

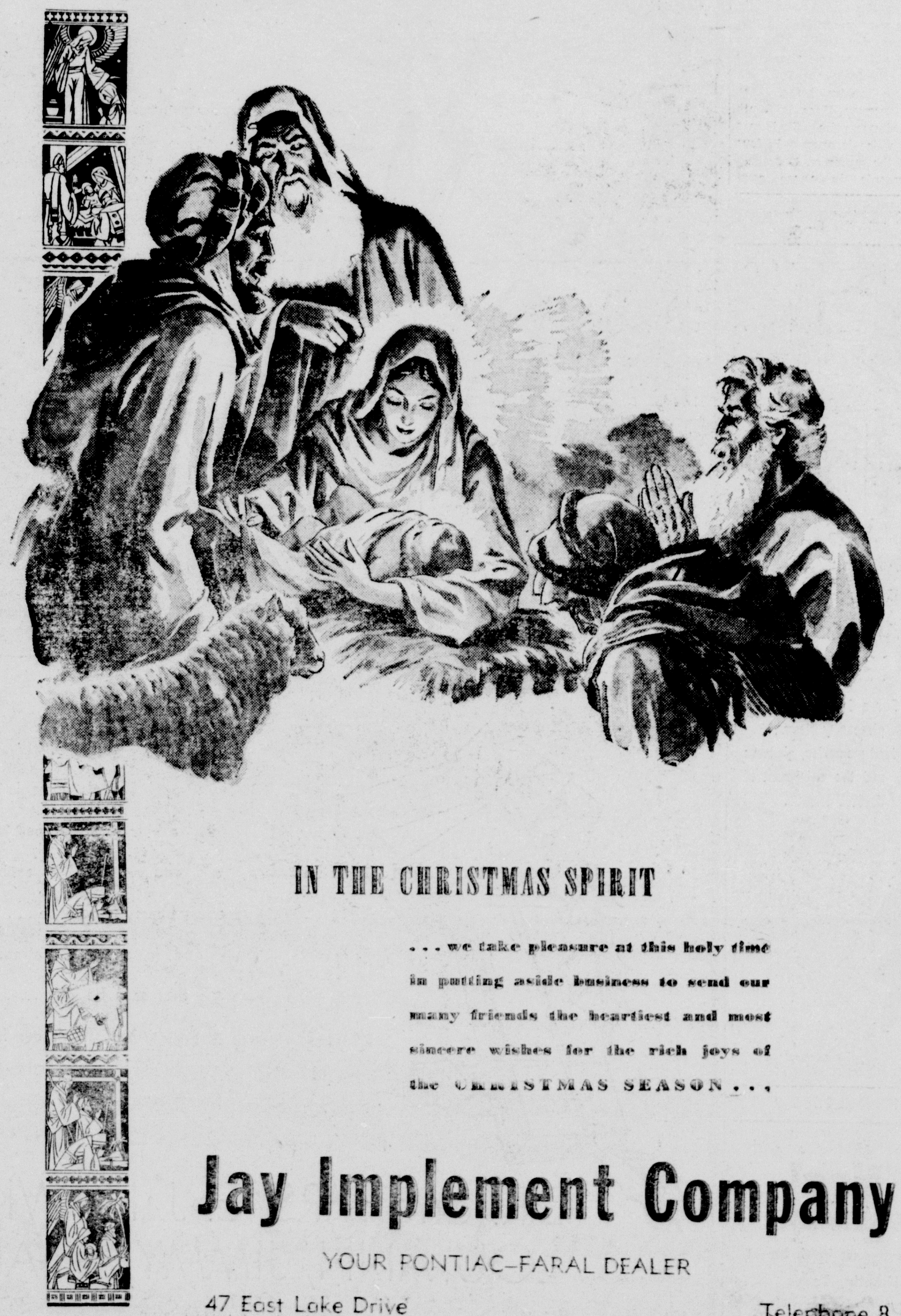
Husband to wife: "How do you expect me to remember your [illegible] when you never look any



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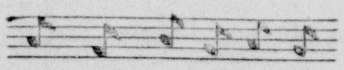






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to wish you many
bright notes
of harmony and joy
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Christmas Mailings Add to Work Load Of Post Offices with Significant Names

Christmas customs of mailing cards and gifts are headaches to all post offices. But the worst headaches occur in towns with names connected with Christmas

Although Santa Claus, Indiana, has a population of only about 250 persons the volume of mail cleared through its post office each Christmas season is estimated to be around 3,500,000 pieces.

Fort Christmas, Florida, also finds its mail volume far out of proportion to its population of 200, with some 300,000 pieces of mail to handle.

Mrs. W. N. Thorpe, who had been postmistress of Christmas Cove, Maine, resigned recently after 23 years on the job. Because her post office was closed in the winter, she used to take all Christmas cards and packages sent to her for stamping over to South Bristol and remail it. Sometimes she sent it back at her own expense, for which she was either repaid with thank-you notes or nasty letters.

The new postmistress, Mrs Catherine Sawyer,, lives in South Bristol because the Christmas Cove post office is open only four months in the summer.

Many people in these communities think their town names are handicaps, but there is tradition behind each of them. Santa Claus, Indiana, was originally Santafee. A combination town meeting and Christmas party was staged in 1852 to change that name because there was another Santafee in the state. Because of the children's shouts for Santa Claus to hurry with their gifts, that name was selected.

Fort Christmas, Florida, was established by the Army during the second Seminole War and finished on Christmas Eve—hence its name.

Progress is nothing more than the slow process of falling in line with the schemes of minorities.

CLIMAX TO TALE.

The aviation instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work, concluded:

"And if it doesn't open—well, gentlemen, that's what is known as 'jumping to a conclusion'."

LIST INCOMPLETE.

Teacher—"Students, make a list of the 11 most important Americans. Now read your list, Jimmy."

Jimmy—"I'm not quite finished yet, teacher—can't decide on the fullback."

KINDNESS ITSELF.

Mother—"Before you get serious with that boy friend of yours, be sure he is always kind and considerate."

Daughter—"Oh, I'm sure of that, mother. Why, only the other day he told me that he put his shirt on a horse that was scratched."



A Happy Christmas to you!

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PHONE 9586

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38 Southwest Fifth Street

Hamlin, Texas



There's a magic to Christmas that casts a star-studded spell into the hearts of young and old alike! Its enchantment is expressed in every hearty handshake . . . in every smiling face . . . and in every Christmas wish -- like ours -- that says be gay . . . be glad . . . have fun! Yes, that's our friendly greeting to you, each and every one!

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It's Christmas! And there's fun all around...
we see it in the merry gleam in people's eyes
...in the festive air of mistletoe and holly pinned up about the house.
We see it, too, in the gay gift wrappings strewn 'round
and in the tinsel and shining lights that decorate Yuletide trees.
And we express the fun and good will of this holiday season with our own joy-filled wish for you...
that this be truly the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year of all!

Hamlin Sand & Gravel Company

Telephone 9008-F2

Hamlin, Texas

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I want a doll house and a farm set and a record player. Thank you—Cindy Ann Todd.

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Dear Santa: I want a baby buggy and a ballet doll. I have a little brother who wants a train.—Margaret Johnson.

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Dear Santa: I want a dolly. I want some shoes. I like school.—Sandra Fudge.

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Dear Santa: I want a cap gun and some caps.—Jimmy Niedecken.

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Dear Santa: I want a pair of guns and a cowboy hat and some chaps.—James Josey.



Grammar girls take a cue from glamor girls and pick cottons styled with the long torso line. This little Cinderella frock in big, bold turquoise, navy, and red plaid cotton has the long torso just like the big girls are wearing. White collar and cuffs with red piping accent the plaid.

Dear Santa: I want a doll. I have a little sister and a big brother. Please come to our house on Christmas Day. Signed—Helen Sue Moore.

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Dear Santa: I want a Davy Crockett suit and two guns. A Merry Chistmas!—Dennie Weaver.

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Dear Santa: I want an electric train and a slide. I am six years old. I like school.—Sammy Ferguson.

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Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I go to school. I like school. Please come to see me.—Betty Marentes.

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Dear Santa Claus: Would you please bring me a Davy Crockett suit and socks? Love—Charles Joiner.

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Dear Santa Clau: Please bring me a record player and a cabinet if you can.—Dovey Sue Sanders.

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Dear Santa: I want a cavalry set and an electric train. I love you—Bobby Moore.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll with wavey hair and blue eyes and some skates. Love—Alanna Jo Kennedy.

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Dear Santa: I want a Rin-Tin-Tin set and a cavalry hat, size six. I love you—Glen Nix.

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Dear Santa: I want a cowgirl suit and a buggy. Love—Vickie Acklin.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me some dishes and a cabinet. I love you, Santa—Lewis Smith.

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Dear Santa: I want a cowgirl suit and a walkie-talkie doll. Love—Brenda Kay Hoskins.

Dear Santa: I want two guns and one truck.—Victor Rangel.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and dishes. Love—Bobbie Nell Everton.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and dishes. Love—Carolyn McHugh.

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Dear Santa: I want a little house and a doll. Love—Celia Gonzales.

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Dear Santa: I want a truck and two guns. Love—Paul Flores.

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Dear Santa: I want a cowboy suit and two guns.—Joe Adams.

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Dear Santa: I want a teddy bear and Super Man clothes. Love—James Watkins.

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Dear Santa: I want an electric train and a steam shovel. Love—Frank Jenkins.

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Dear Santa: I want a cowboy suit and a football. Love—Rodney Dominey.

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Dear Santa: I want two guns and a cowboy suit. Thank you.—Raymond Nichols.

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Dear Santa: I want a sewing machine and a doll for my doll collection. Thank you—Revonna Kay Robertson.



Now, at this gay time, we are pleased to greet those whose friendship we prize: Our best wishes to you!

Smith Service Station

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To our many friends at Christmas time...

We wish to express our appreciation of our long association and to say thanks for your continued patronage! . . . May your holiday be merry and laden with blessings. . . .

LEE'S DRIVE-IN

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WEST LAKE DRIVE HAMLIN



We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

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ost of Christmas Celebrations Have lessings of Ministry of Modern Day

Santa Claus grew up next door to a church. And he has friends in the pulpit.

Although some critics argue that non-relig features like Sa really belong in ch , the jolly old fellow gets approving nod from the Chris- ministry.

is part of the whole cher- tradition," says Dr. Jesse an astor of the Village Pres- is n Church in New York.

right there in Greenwich on is where Santa—or St is got his start in a poem ears ago about the "Night t e Christmas."

d Dr. Stitt:

hat may seem to some to be ccessories of Christmas real- hrough the ages have given the traditional day of Christ."

tinseled trees, heaps fts, dangling mistle- d nuts and big, fra- may not be speci- ous in nature, but become part of the

e customs of Christmas are



rful cotton "at home" sep- show their Spanish influence ococo braid trim on the pants ws of ruffles on the blouse. im fitting pants are in cotton en and the blouse is of lus- cotton. They are designed by of Miami.

Christmas itself," Dr. Stitt said.

"They enhance the story of the star, the manger, the Wise Men from afar and the message of those who sang peace on earth, good-will to men."

Through the centuries, Christmas has taken on many adjuncts and customs that weren't part of it at first, and which are themselves not derived from scripture or church.

"In fact," Dr. Stitt noted, "in the early days of Christianity the first Christians appropriated customs from pre-Christian celebrations and put a Christian interpretation upon them."

Probably the oldest initial Christian practice is that of gift-giving, which goes back to that first Christmas in Bethlehem when the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child.

"The love and good-will that animates the giving of gifts today," Dr. Stitt said, "is but an outward expression of what Christians through the centuries have felt about the birth of Christ—that it was the great gift of the world."

But what about those decorations? All those glowing lights, colored streamers, peppermint sticks and shining tinsel that festoon the tree and the rooms? Are those truly part of the Christmas spirit?

Well, the use of green trees to decorate homes first got started back in the Roman Empire is a custom of pagan holidays. But the tradition also has Christian origins in the legend of St. Joseph of Arimathea.

It is said that he planted his staff in the earth, and that thereafter the staff brought forth leaves and blossomed in beauty every Christmas.

"Things like the Christmas tree help preserve the occasion in our minds," Dr. Stitt said. "They give us memories that last through the years—an image or picture that we can put our finger on."

EXIT TROUBLE.

Grandma was giving the recent bride a heart-to-heart talk.

"Child, I hope your lot's goin' t' be easier than mine," she said. "All my wedded days I've carried two burdens—pa and the fire. Every time I've turned to look at one the other has gone out."

Saint Nicholas Was Bishop of Myra When He Performed Miracle

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Stint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were en route to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.

LITTLE DIFFERENCE.

Frantic Father—"Really, my dughter, you shouldn't go out with men that you are not formally introduced to."

Daughter—"What difference does it make? They both act the same way when you get out with them."

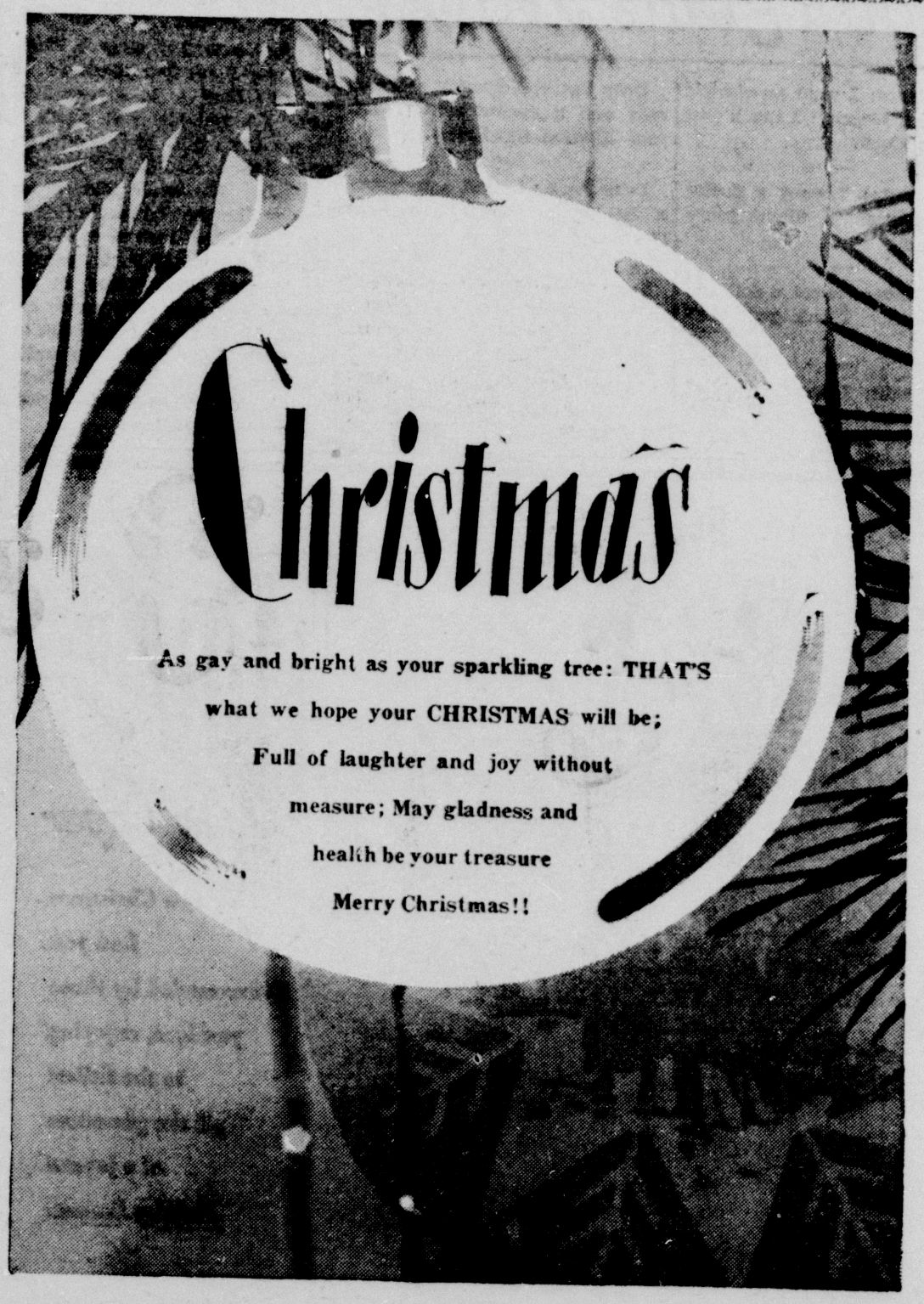


With Best Wishes for A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As tolling bells pierce the early morn with their Christmas proclamation, we extend to each and every one of you, our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday.

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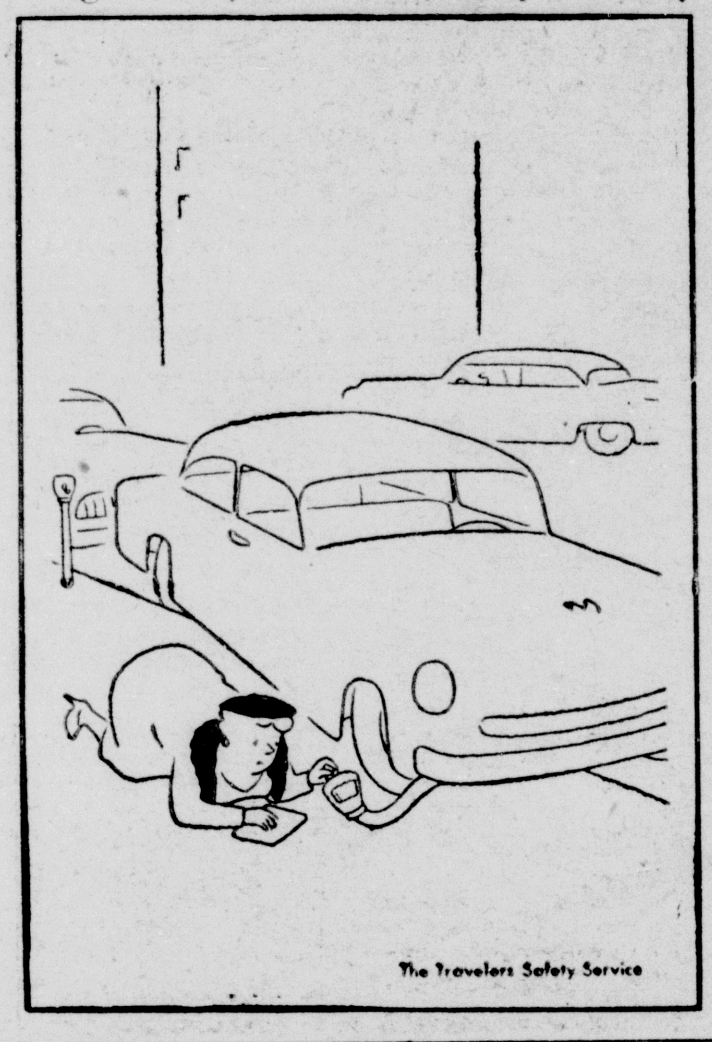
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Each of us here send to each of our many loyal customers the warmest wishes of the Yule Season . . . "Serving you has been a real pleasure."

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I want an electric train and a bicycle. I thank you —Charles Cook.

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Dear Santa: I want a doctor case and toy stove. Thank you—Iola Ingram.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and a toy duck. Thank you—Cora Rodriguez.

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Dear Santa: I want a pair of skates and an Army truck. Thank you—Rodger Jones.

Dear Santa: I want a make-up case and a doctor set. Thank you—Rheaina Sanderlin.

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Dear Santa: I want a train and a BB gun. Thank you—Billy Cooper.

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Dear Santa: I want a rifle and some candy. Thank you—Danny Contreras.

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Dear Santa: I want a walking doll and a ball. Thank you—Carolyn Whitley.

Dear Santa: I want a purse and a doll. Thank you—Joy Bond.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll and some candy. Thank you—Jan Solis.

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Dear Santa: I want a BB gun and a toy train. Thank you—Danny Pope.

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Dear Santa: I want a football and some candy. Thank you—Ruben Merentes.

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Dear Santa: My little brother and I want the following: Junior fencing set and Davy Crockett set, hutch football helmet, Jack Dempsey boxing gloves, and Roy Rogers house shoes.—Billy Banta and Thomas.

Dear Santa Claus: Please come to see me at my granddaddy and grandmother's house, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hopper. I want a red wagon, a tricycle and a horse. Please come see Jane, too. Yours truly—Jo Jo Hopper of Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a negro doll and a buggy and bring my cousin Jo Jo a tricycle and a stick horse and a little red wagon. He is visiting me, so please leave him some toys at my house. And don't forget to visit my brother, Hub Hopper, who is in the Army in France. I am hoping to see you. I am two years old.—Jane Hopper.

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Dear Santa: My name is Vickie Walker., I am four years old. I try real hard to be a nice little girl. I would like very much to have a bride doll. My little brother is two years old. His name is Hal Jr. He would like a red tractor like the one Pa-Pa Sellers has. Has has been a good boy. Please, Santa, if it is possible would you please come to our house a few days early so we can go to Hamlin and spend Christmas with Moger, Pa-Pa, our aunts, uncles and little cousins: Thank you—Vickie and Hal Walker, 5403 Anita Street, Dallas.

A HEART-FELT SENTIMENT

This time of year, as we count our blessings, we always recall our many faithful friends. To those of you whom we were honored to serve, and helped us achieve such a successful year -- we say, with pride and gratitude

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Brown's Cash Store

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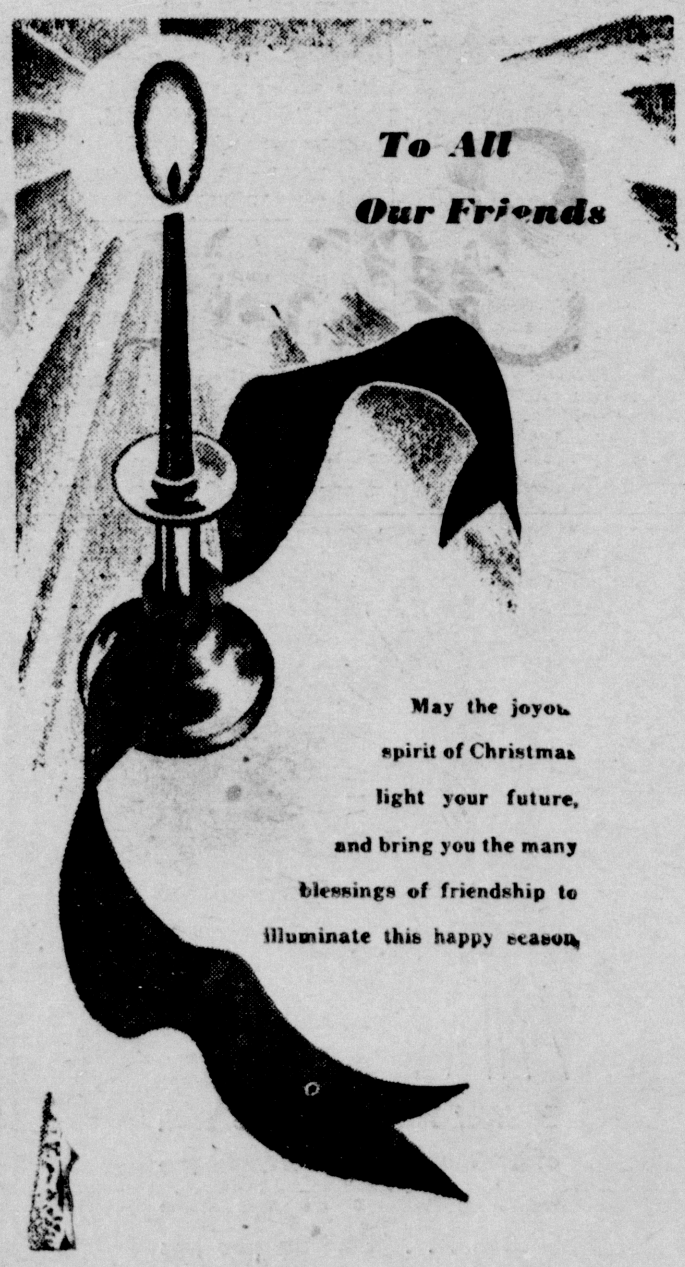


A HOLIDAY of Good Cheer

May this Christmas find you surrounded by those you love, enjoying to the fullest all the pleasures of a joyous Holiday Season.

B. W. Niedecken, Trucking Contractor

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To All Our Friends

May the joyous spirit of Christmas light your future, and bring you the many blessings of friendship to illuminate this happy season.

Farmers Co-Op Station

248 East Lake Drive——Hamlin

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I am a little boy two years old. Please bring me a rocking horse, guns and pull toy. I have been real good. Love Mike Jones.

Dear Santa: I want a ballet doll and a piano.—Lynn Brannon.

Dear Santa: I would like a Super Man costume and a bicycle.—Larry Sears.

Dear Santa: I have three brothers and two sisters. We would like for you to visit us and make our Christmas merry.—Juanita.

Dear Christmas: I heard the bells Christmas night. I hope you come and bring a doll for ... I have two brothers and one ... Happy Santa—Louise Lu...

Dear Santa: I like school. I ... a little sister.—Sammy Carr ...

Dear Santa: We are cousins. We have had big fights all year because our Christmas presents were different. But we are sorry. We won't fight any more if you will please bring us a doll and a record player just alike. Thank you—Dianna Crowley and Lara Lee.

Dear Santa Claus: I love you Santa Claus, and I love your make-up and your wife and I love your reindeer. I wish you luck, Santa Claus, this Christmas. And I hope the animals luck. I like you, Santa Claus. Charles Ray Prewit.

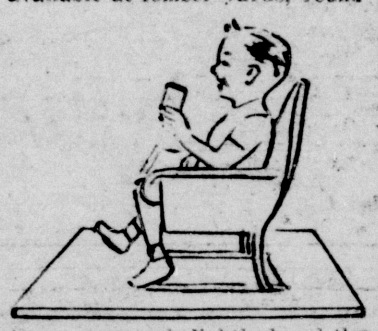
Dear Santa Claus: I'd like very much to see you. But I would like for you to bring be a doll and a watch and also a dish washing set. I love you very much. Your friend—Christy Wallace.



Floor Protector

TOUGH on the floor and rug are a baby's rocker, bouncing chair and similar playthings. However, there's an easy way to protect a floor or floor covering.

Simply take a panel of Masonite ¼" Tempered Presdwood, available at lumber yards, round



the corners and slightly bevel the edges with a sandblock, sander or file, and you'll have a protecting base for baby's frolics.

This panel is wonderful for little children to be around, as it has no splinters and its surface is extremely smooth. Also, it's moisture-resistant and easily kept clean.

When the baby's in the high chair, slip the Masonite mat under it, too. Spilled food won't hurt it a bit.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a Princess Mary doll and a doll buggy. Would you bring me a surprise? My sister wants a Toni doll and a dart game. Would you bring my sister a surprise? I will have some cookies for you and some milk. Love—Jacklyne and Jill Fryar, 311 Northwest Avenue H, Hamlin.

Dear Santa: I love you very, very much. Thank you for the swing set last year. I wish you a happy Christmas, Santa. This year I want an electric train. It is at Western Auto in Hamlin. It is a steam engine and it smokes. I love my mother and daddy and my brother. I love my kitty, whose name is Georgy. I have been a good boy all the time. I think Christmas is the best time because Jesus was born then. Love—Charles Egger.

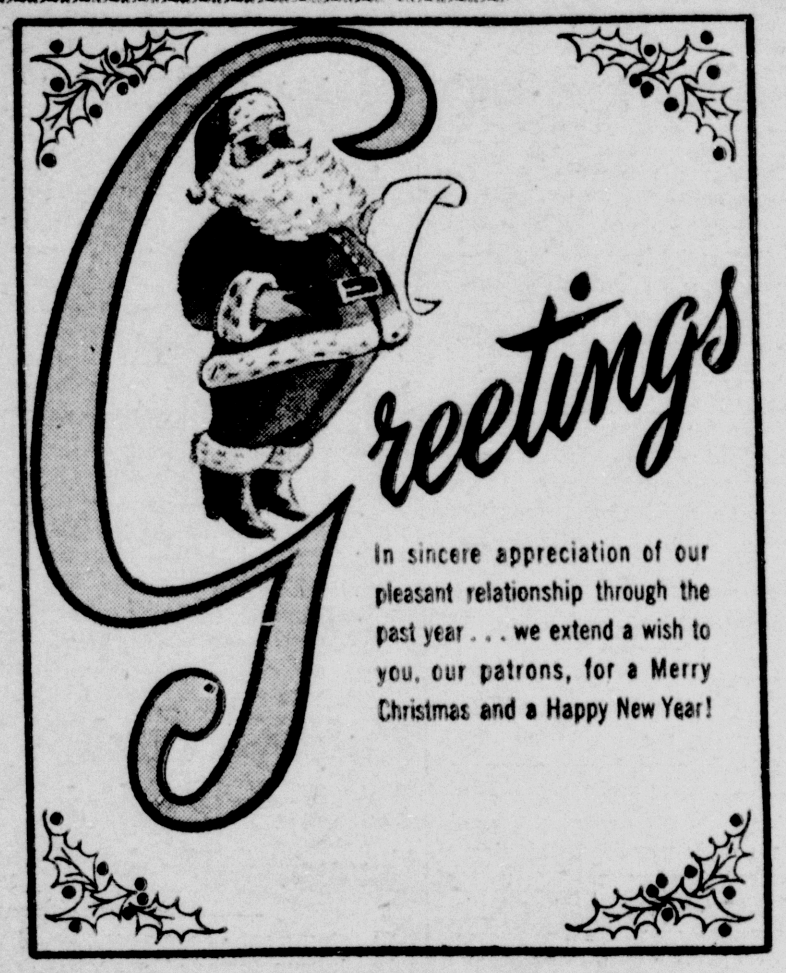
Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. Please bring me a Jim Dandy set and a Winkie-dean set. Love—Randy Smith.

Dear Santa: I want a gun and a truck. Thank you—John Lujan.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a football, a helmet and a Robert the Robot. I have been a good boy. I love you—Mike Murphree.

Dear Santa: I am a boy of four years. Will you please bring me a moving van, steam shovel, Davy Crockett rifle and a drum. Remember the other boys and girls. I'll be waiting for you. Love—John Charles H'x, 630 Northwest Avenue F, Hamlin.

Dear Santa: I would like for you to bring me a bicycle with a basket on it. With love and a Merry Christmas. Good-bye—Danny Cary.



Hamlin Paint & Body

217 East Lake Drive——Hamlin, Texas



Greetings

May the serenity and happiness of the Joyous Christmas Season last you forever! This — is our good wish to our many loyal customers whom we have so enjoyed serving!

Farmers Co-Op Gin of Neinda

John R. Brown, Manager Neindo, Texas



Christmas Greetings

A. E. (Bud) Killion

Water Hauling Contractor

S & K Welding Shop

On Anson Highway

Mexicans Warm Up to Christmas with Series of Religious Festivals and Parties

Mexicans warm up for their Christmas gaiety with a series of nine parties which comprise the busiest social season of the year.

The parties are called "posadas" because of their original religious significance. "Posada" means inn and each of the parties supposedly re-enacts the search by Mary and Joseph for a lodging in Bethlehem.

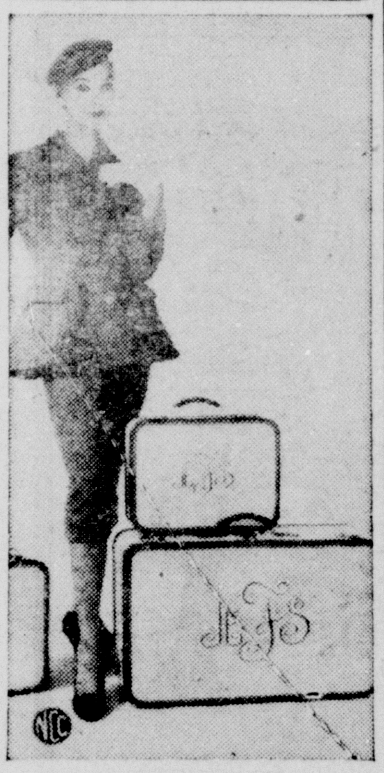
Guests assemble outside the house and sing the traditional "posada" song in which they ask for shelter. The host, taking the part of the innkeeper, tells them in song that he has no room. The guests in another verse repeat their request and the host finally opens the door to them.

Actually the whole ceremony is seldom carried out except at posadas given by religious organizations. In other parties, the only true posada note is the singing of the traditional song. The rest of the party is like any other Christmas party anywhere.

The Catholic Church every year fulminates against the secular posadas, which are usually marked by heavy drinking. To some extent the church has been able to half the singing of the more religious parts of the posada song at this type of party.

Posadas are given on any of the nine nights before Christmas. In many groups each member gives a posada on one of these nine nights. In a traditional Mexican family, the host for the next posada is chosen by lot. In the "rosca de Reyes" the traditional Christmas sweet bread, rather like a coffee cake, a small china doll is baked. Whoever gets the doll in his piece of the bread is supposed to give the next party.

Presents are not a feature of the posada, which is rather a way of being sure of seeing friends around the Christmas season.



Something new in luggage is this smart cotton-coated group by Amelia Earhart. Individually designed with handsome monograms, the luggage features initials that are woven into the cotton-coated fabrics before the cases are constructed.

Christmas Carols Are Among Oldest Forms of Music

Christmas carols are among the oldest known forms of music. St. Francis of Assisi is generally credited with having started the custom of singing and dancing around a crib. But his exact song seems to have been lost in antiquity.

Historians say that dancing in the churches was outlawed in 589 A. D., and persisted in some places until the Council of Avignon in 1209. But the singing of carols lived on.

Although these songs are called carols in English, they are the same as the "noels" of France and the "Wiegenlieder" of Germany. Originally composed for dance tunes to be sung around the crib, as some of the famous Latin Christmas hymns, they have more recently been dedicated to members of the composer's family.

Phillips Brooks wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem" for his three pieces.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was originally "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," composed by Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century.

No one seems to know who wrote the original words of "Adeste Fidelis," but the English translation, "O, Come All Ye Faithful" was the work of John Reading.

Generals Lee and Grant fought on the same side in the Mexican war.

Farmers Looking For Better Ways to Adjust Production

Farmers are looking for better ways of adjusting production to market demand, Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said recently at the annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau at Fort Worth.

The national farm leader denounced failure of government crop control programs to protect producers of crops which are not under marketing quotas.

"Under present programs," Shuman said, "we restrict the acreage that may be planted to certain crops, but we let farmers use the acres that are taken out of controlled crops for the production of other things. This merely spreads the surplus problem. It does not solve it."

He pointed out that free use of diverted acres means increased supplies of such crops as oats, barley, grain sorghums and soybeans, and in the long run it means increased production of livestock and livestock products.

John Adams was the first U. S. ambassador to England.



We extend our gratitude to our loyal customers whom we have so enjoyed serving — May Christmas bring you many blessings!

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To those friends whose patronage
we have so well enjoyed — and to those
whom we hope to serve in the future
we send greetings and good wishes ★★ for
a dog-gone Good and Merry Christmas!

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Once again we pause from business details to honor our many fine customers and friends. Gratefully we say: Thanks, and merry Christmas.

Lee Hastings Service

TEXACO PRODUCTS

Game Sessions for All the Family Can Add Much to Enjoyment of Christmas

This Christmas there's a strong trend to make family game sessions yield dividends of useful knowledge that will ease homework sessions throughout the year. Money is one that imparts the fascination of high finance speculation on the basics of simple arithmetic.

Go to the Head of the Class provides board game quiz fun at three different levels to cater to the growing number of children the average family is sending simultaneously to grade school.

Current events assignments on the school front have sparked wide sale of news-quiz games like Swayze that's based on international time clocks.

The can't-read-and-write set has gotten special attention from game inventors. This Christmas kindergartners will definitely outdo the kibitzer class when the family gathers for board game competition.

Chuggedy Chug, for example, first to use a locomotive style turn-table, is one of a number of new games slanted at the four-to-12 age span. Each player runs a train and the winner is the first to route his locomotive to the turn-table. Annie Oakley, also geared to the four-to-12 age group, uses a frontier style chase as the basis of competition. Driv-Ur-Self bases competition on manipulating a car over a moving highway according to proper traffic rules.

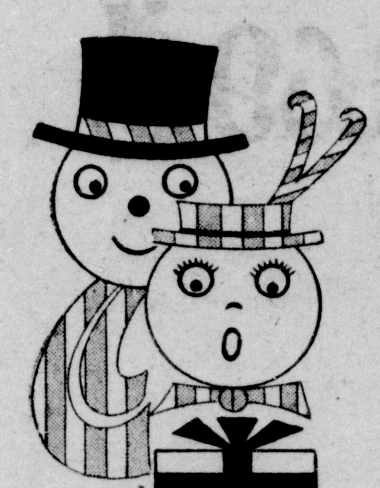
TV is credited with booming a wide variety of games that reproduce big time sports in miniature parlor versions. Poosh-M-Up Ice Hockey provides realistic puck action for players. Slugger, a new baseball game for winter training, gives the parlor batter full control of slugging action. Basket, another new sporting game for the fireside, reproduces realistic basketball action.

FOLLOW THROUGH.

Crawford—"A good deal depends on the formation of early habits."

Blackwell—"I know it; when I was a baby my mother hired a women to wheel me about, and I've been pushed for money ever since."

Men always have hope of a better world when they see the miracle of Christmas.—Charles Wells.



We hope your home will be full of gifts of good luck and good cheer throughout the year!

Bill Carter
PLUMBER
Phone 399 Hamlin

English Gave Roses as Early Christmas Gifts

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its Mighty Founder was a Child Himself.—Charles Dickens.

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

Hudson's Garage and Electric Shop
129 South Central Avenue



As the joyous songs of Christmastide ring out again, telling the happy story of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" we extend the Season's greetings to our many friends. May your Christmas be one of contentment and good cheer. May the New Year bring you a full measure of happiness and good fortune.

DR. and MRS. MARSHALL L. SMITH,
MARK, MIKE and GARY

Danish Post Office Clerk Conceived Idea of Gay Stamps

A Danish postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans have received letters from their local chapters of the National Tuberculosis Association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish post office, conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages the sale of whch could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

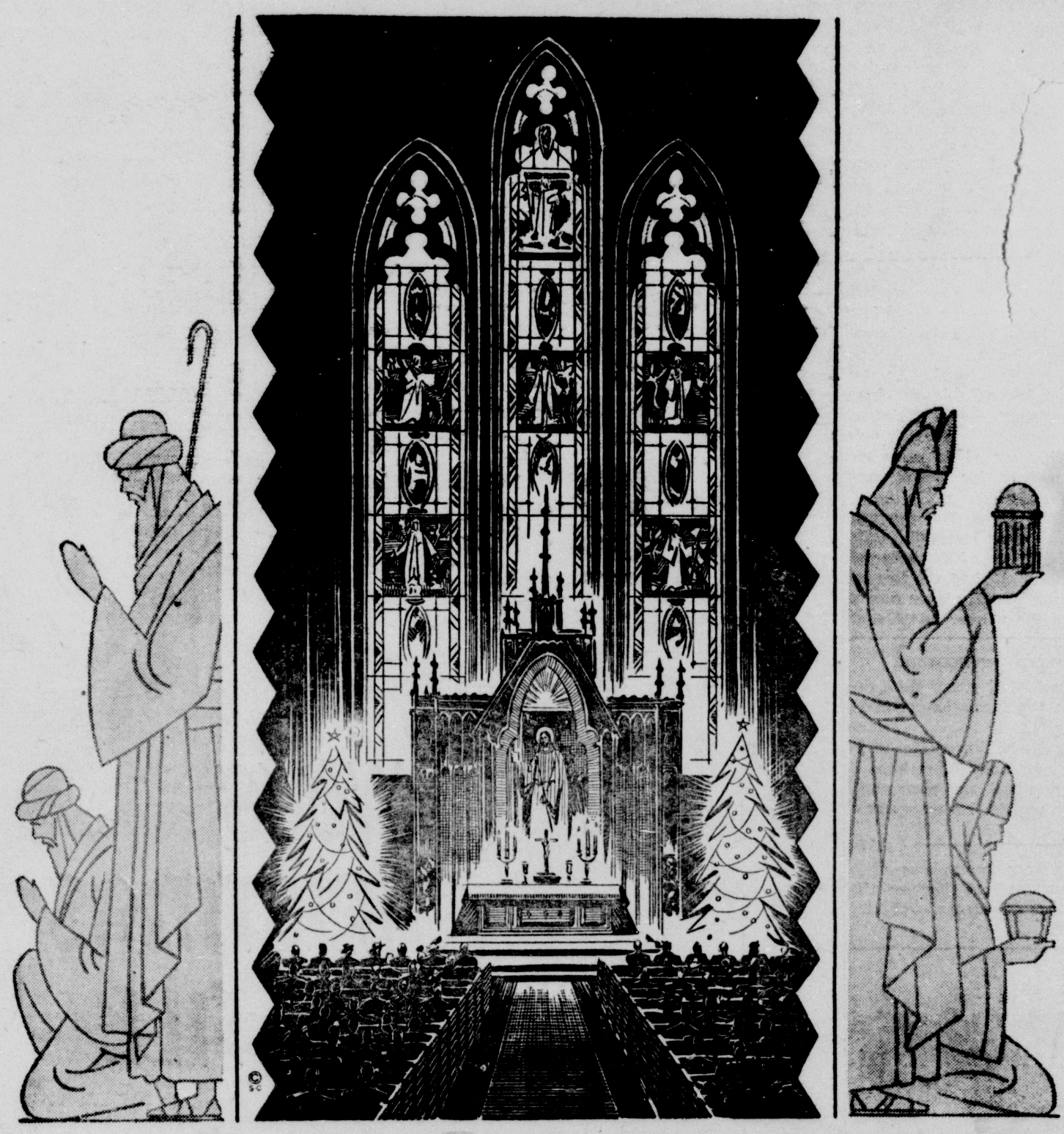
He mentioned it to his fellow workers, and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Lousie was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Emily Bissell, started the first American seals that year.

REASON ENOUGH.

Doctor—"I've examined you thoroughly, and I can't seem to find the cause of your illness. It might be due to drinking, however."

Patient—"Oh, that's all right, Doc. I'll come back sometime when you're sober."





Merry Christmas

And greetings of the season! We hope that you and all of our loyal customers enjoy this wonderful Yule to the very utmost!

CARTER'S VARIETY STORE

351 South Central Avenue

In the Reverent Mood of This Holy Christmas Time

The Spirit of Christmas belongs to everyone - its sacred trust of friendship and good-will know no boundaries of race or creed. It is with this in mind, we say to all -- May you and yours find this Christmas bright with cheer and the blessings of warmth and benevolence! . . . To you -- our loyal customers and friends - We wish a Happy Holiday!

The Management and Personnel of——

MALOUF'S DEPARTMENT STORE

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Christmas . . .



With sincere good wishes that this Christmas may bring you such Peace and Joy as the shepherds found when our Saviour was born...

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Evergreens Used For Christmas Tree Need Protection

It won't be a chilly Christmas for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside decorations expected to be even more popular than in past years.

It's nice to have bright decorations outside, tree experts say, but too many home owners give their home grounds evergreens a hot foot while stringing them wit hoverly-powered brilliant colorama.

They offer this advice to protect trees while utilizing them to the best advantage in achieving that beautiful outdoor display:

Use only electrical fixtures designed to be strung on outdoor trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-witts. They're strong enough to be gay and colorful, yet do not generate enough heat to burn foliage even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine if needles or foliage are turning brown in vicinity of lights. If so, rearrange the lights. Not even a beautiful light display is worth marring valuable evergreens that are a source of beauty the year round.

EVIDENT FACT.

Visitor (to host's little daughter)—"How do you know it's the first of the month, dear?"

"'Cause all daddy's letters have got front windows in them."

MAKE TO FIT.

The average man's arm is 28 inches long. The average woman's waist is 28 inches around. You just can't beat nature, can you?



The Italian influence is seen in many new fashions for men this year. Popular Italian-style chest stripes and collar are featured in this all-cotton sports shirt by Puritan Sportswear. It's practical, too, for it is made of Dan River's Wrinkl-Shed cotton.

Christmas Observance Once Was Forbiden By English Law Decree

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule log, the coral-singer and the wassailers?

During the reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas Day was sacrilegious. Parliament on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas Day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in the churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

Poinsettia Introduced To America by Early Ambassador to Mexico

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Robert Poinsett.

Poinsett was U. S. ambasaador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he had achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew this unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

DOING IT HARD WAY.

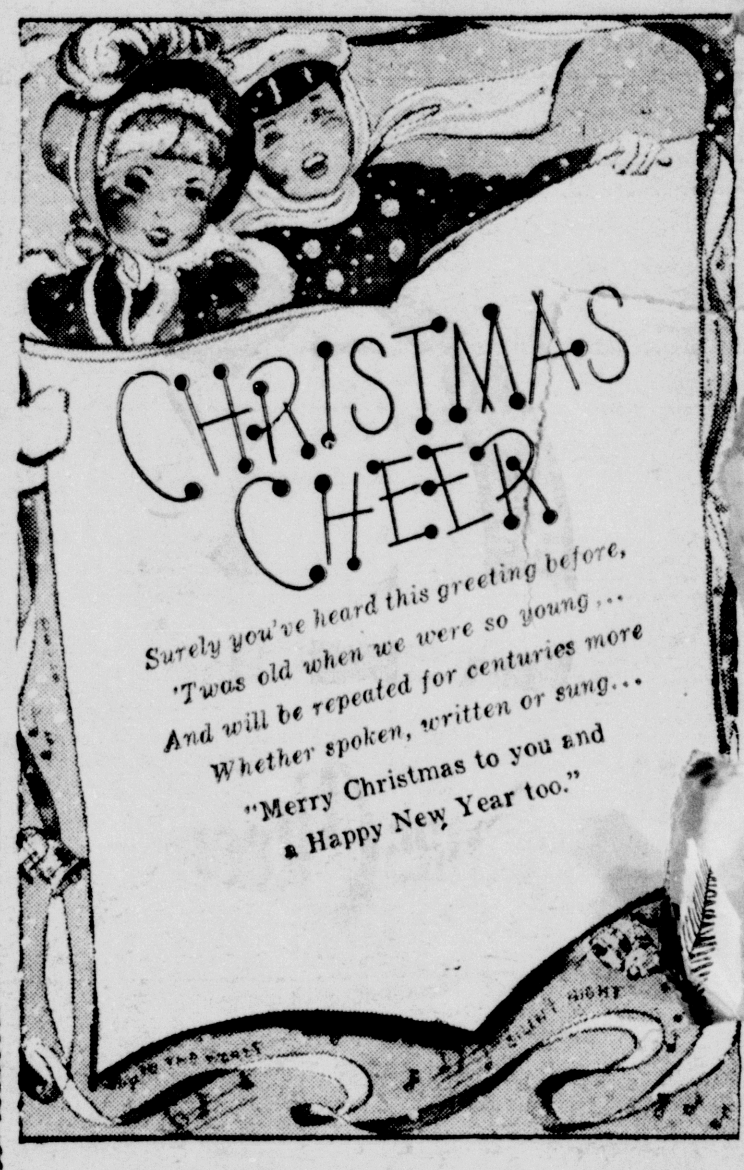
Rifle Instructor—"How come you got five bull's-eyes? The range is 800 yards, but your sights are set for 400 yards?"

Mountaineer Rookie—"See that rock halfway down there? Well, I'm bouncing them off that."

PAST THAT STAGE.

"I don't think I look 40, do you, dear?"

"Why no . . . not any more."



Surely you've heard this greeting before,
'Twas old when we were so young...
And will be repeated for centuries more
Whether spoken, written or sung...
"Merry Christmas to you and
a Happy New Year too."

Style Cleaners

126 South Central Avenue——Telephone 20



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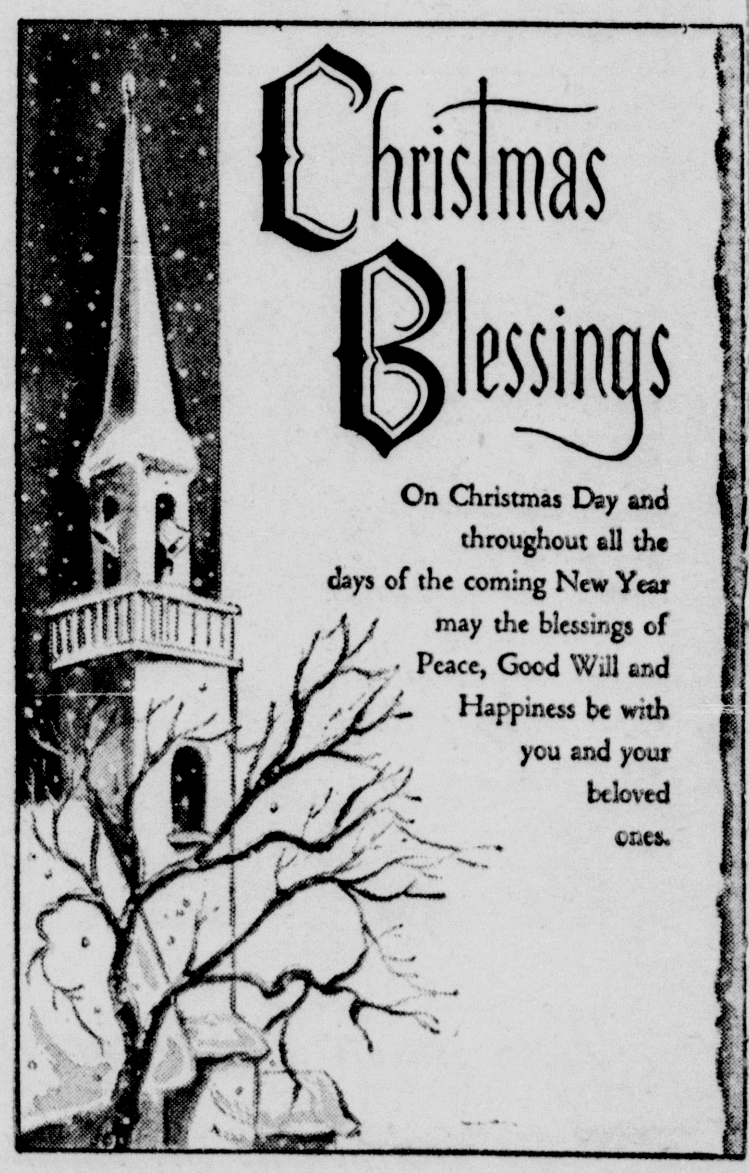
It's traditional with us to greet our friends at Christmas time in the spirit of good will and merriment that marks the season. And this year is no exception!

Our wish today is that your Holidays be filled with rounds and rounds of good cheer and contentment. And may your New Year be one of prosperity and achievement.

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Christmas Blessings

On Christmas Day and throughout all the days of the coming New Year may the blessings of Peace, Good Will and Happiness be with you and your beloved ones.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Seals, Carol and Henry

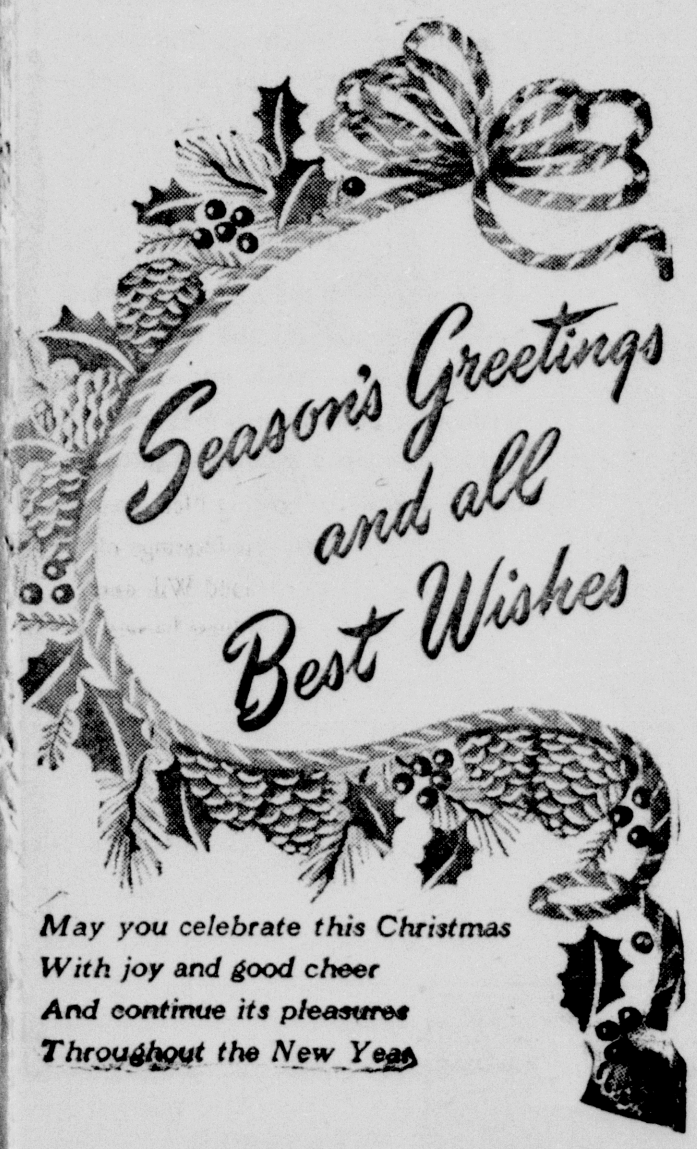


Christmas Cheer

...ppy holiday to all! We are grateful for your ...yalty in the past and wish you and all your loved ones — *A Very Merry Christmas!* . . .

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May you celebrate this Christmas
With joy and good cheer
And continue its pleasures
Throughout the New Year

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BOB RIDDELL, Owner

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Christmas, Early Banned in England Never Restored

Christmas was outlawed in En...nd by the Puritan governme...f England in 1643, and, althoug...he restoration of the Stuar...brought a revival of Christma...customs and traditions, Christm...never regained its former prestig...in England.

It is observed religiously in th...churches and as a day for fam...reunions and social gatherings, i...contrast to the lavish feasting an...boisterous merry-making of older times.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however on December 26, which is Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day ante-dates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, "Christmas boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's Day.

Thus, the children receive their presents, in boxes, as do old servants, the postman and everyone else. And reminiscent of the Roman Saturnalia, householders dance with the servants and, as evening comes, there is revelling in the streets as groups of merry-makers gather on street corners or ride about London-town dancing on the "flats" of trucks.

Holly and Mistletoe Long Associated with Christmas Decorations

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet, there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. They believed that its evergreen leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and therefore considered it sacred.

Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep blood red.

It was also a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule to household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once-prevalent belief would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

HAD HER WORRIED.

A woman walked into a millinery shop and pointed out a hat in the window.

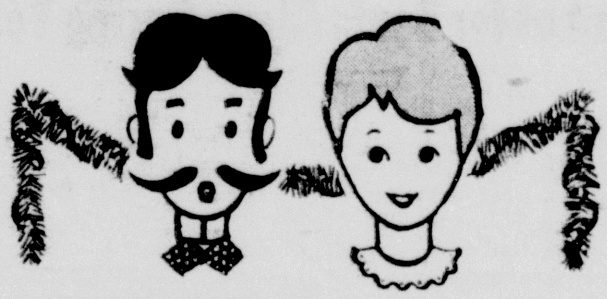
"That red one with the feathers and berries," she said. "Would you take it out of the window for me?"

"Certainly, madam," the clerk replied, "we'd be glad to."

"Thank you very much," said the woman, moving toward the exit. "The horrible thing bothers me every time I pass."

ANOTHER REMINDER.

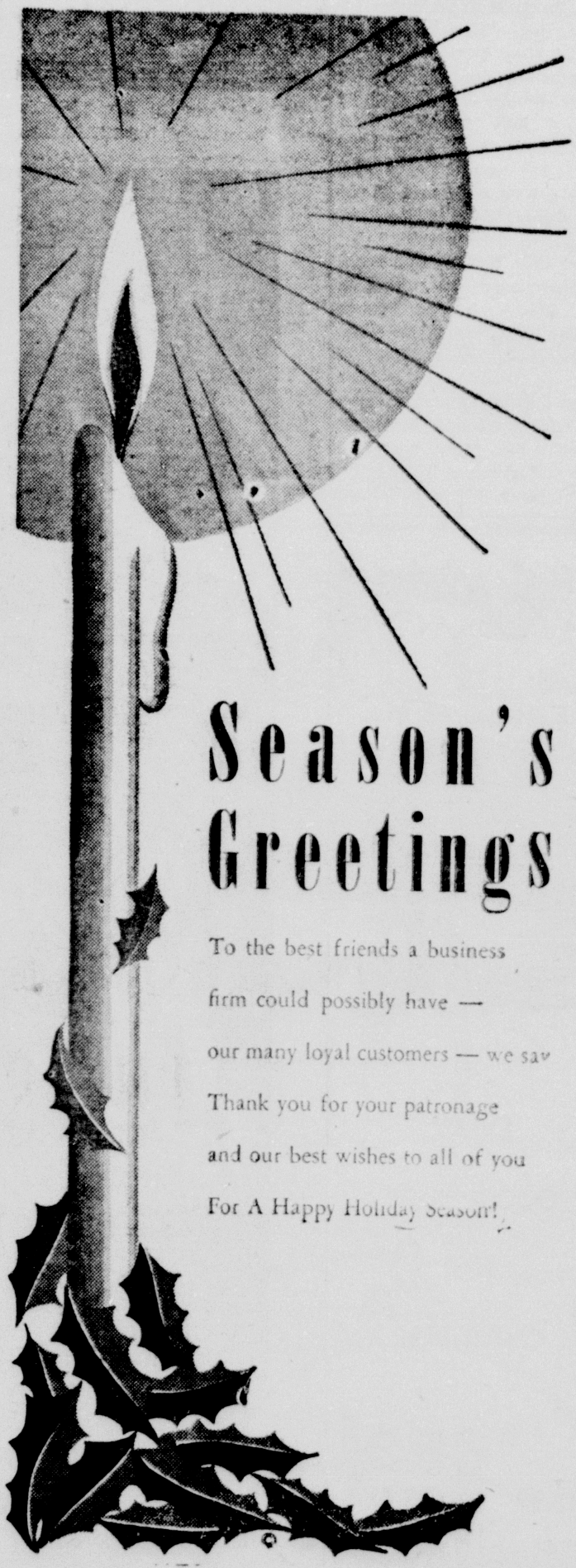
Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after.—Walter Pulitzer.



A Good Old-Fashioned Christmas
to You and Yours

Harden Coffee Shop

Mrs. Gus Travis, Proprietor



Season's Greetings

To the best friends a business firm could possibly have — our many loyal customers — we say Thank you for your patronage and our best wishes to all of you For A Happy Holiday Season!

Miss May Gay, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bryant

Bryant Insurance Ag'cy

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History Proves That Americans Have Done a Lot for Santa Claus During Years

It's little wonder that St. Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for St. Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of St. Nick pictured him as a tall, angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and St. Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving St. Nicholas his "new look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nicholous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knockerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' trnsportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1882. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York Theological Seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little body.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

MAKING PROGRESS.

The artist kissed his model.

"I'll bet you do that to all you models," she said.

"No," he replied. "You're the very first."

"Really? How many models have you had?"

"Four," he answered, "a rose, an onion, a banana and you."

ENGINEERING PROJECT.

The host brought a man across the room to introduce him to the sweet young thing in the rather extreme strapless gown.

"Miss Bulger, I'd like to introduce Mr. Bridges," said the host. "Mr. Bridges is a construction engineer. He has a question he'd like to ask you."

Reindeer Shortage Is Becoming Acute As Many Animals Killed

If Santa Claus misses some youngster this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer and company.



Ferguson Theatre

MRS. B. S. FERGUSON and STAFF



Season's Greetings

Times change and we with time — but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

This year as always, we are happy to send you the Greetings of the season — with our sincere wishes for good health and joy at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.



EVERY

GOOD WISH

FOR

CHRISTMAS

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North of Ferguson Theater



May the sanctity
of Christmas bring new
peace of mind to all!

Teague Implement Company

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America Changed Saint Nick's Name, Looks and Travel

Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall, angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nicholous." The best they could do was "Sante Kalouf," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and round little belly.

Future writers my try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.

United States Is Top Buyer and Supplier in Yule Tree Industry

United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christfas tree industry — at better than $50,000,000 in business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Middlewest and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

Theologians Adopted Dec. 25 as Christmas, But Some Disagree

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to pre-historic times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.



Christmas Greetings

Turner-Hunter Insurance Agency

31 Southwest Third Street Phone 65

MAY YOUR HOLIDAY
BE A VERY, VERY,
MERRY ONE . . .



May all Christmas Joys dance through your holiday and make it the best ever!

Jess Young *Cleaners*

Candles Have Varied Significance in Observance of Christmas Over World

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle" burned in the window or Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an erthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

During the early history of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries, and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:

To earn you luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day.

If the flame burns bright and the light shine clear,
Good luck will be yours throughout the year.

RESTRICTED AREA.

A man bought a cigar and started to light it.

"Didn't you see the sign?" asked the salesgirl?

"What?" exploded the customer, "You sell cigars in here, but don't permit smoking?"

The salesgirls smiled sweetly. "We also sell bath towels."

GAUGE OF AGE.

An old-timer is one who can remember when the Senate was a lawmaking body instead of a detective bureau.

Santa's Little Helper Idea Came Down to Us from Scandinavia

Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia.

Many years before Leif Eriksen touched American shores the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food an dthe animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jul became the giver of presents—just as Santa today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave presents in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jul Tomten and carried it around the world.



Christmas Blessings To All . . .

Alton Mayfield

YOUR GULF CONSIGNEE



Our very best wishes to all for a Merry, *merry* Christmas! . . .

E. A. Hewett

NEW HUMBLE STATION

Corner of Lake Drive and Central Avenue

Greetings OF THE SEASON



Greeting our friends at Christmas time has become more than a habit with us. It is a manifestation of a deeply felt appreciation of the understanding and good will that we have been privileged to enjoy over these many years. And it is for this reason that we are so anxious now, to extend to everyone our sincerest wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

JOHN and MILDRED JOHN SR. EARL MARJORY

Howard's Food Market

434 South Central Avenue **Telephone 183—Hamlin**

Holiday Season Always Takes Heavy Toll in Traffic Accidents Over Country

As the year builds up month by month to the great festival of Christmas, culminating in the age-old renewal of God's promise of peace on earth to men of good will, there is something in the human spirit, however worldly, that blossoms to new fullness . . . a warmth and fellow-feeling for all mankind.

This good will which permeates Joe Doe during the Christmas season is not the unctuous Uriah Heepism nor the back-slapping variety . . . rather, it is a deep respect and consideration of others as fellow human beings, as brothers faced with the common problems of every-day life.

Yet despite the climate of good will and fellowship which prevails during the Yule season, says the Texas Safety Association, there is an ugly, black side of the picture. December is the deadliest month of the year so far as traffic accidents are concerned. Furthermore people die in traffic accidents on Christmas Eve than any other day in the year!

The statistics are alarming. In December, 3,570 persons died in motor vehicle accidents, while in December, 1953, 3,920 were killed in the holiday traffic. These death figures are in addition to the many more thousands of men, women and children injured in holiday traffic accidents.

It does not take prophetic powers to predict that this Christmas season, many people are marked for death in traffic accidents despite the all-out efforts that are being made to combat traffic hazards on a community and national scale. A certain number of motorists will insist on speeding; others will drive while drunk; others will violate other traffic regulations—all of which will lead to wanton destruction of human life. Certain pedestrians are also marked for death . . . they too will forget safe practices in walking and take short-cuts to death in the hurly-burly of Christmas shopping and party-going.

A pessimistic view of human nature? Not pessimistic, but realistic. For human nature is pretty ornery at times and it takes a lot of pounding and poking and prodding to keep it fixed into any shape for any length of time.

Public safety education programs for traffic safety can present the dangers and problems. Enforcement agencies can step up activities to protect you, as a motorist or as a pedestrian, against your own hasty actions. But you, as an individual, must assume as your own the responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others.

You must not fall prey to the festive holiday spirit. You can not afford to gamble on the fact that others will protect you when holiday plans or haste push all other thoughts from your mind.

The price may be your own life—or the life of another.

You can help curb the needless slaughter of human beings which happens every Christmas. You can help give the greatest Christmas present of all . . . a human mas.

GOOD WITH FIGURE.

"Our new bookkeeper," said the young banker, "may not know a debit from a credit—but she certainly adds up."

oh boy! it's christmas again!

Yes, it's Christmas: Wondrous time of the year — May it bring, all that's good - in health, and luck, and cheer!

Hamlin Flower Shop

Southwest Third——Telephone 246

FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY

May your Christmas be full of fun and frolic!



MILLER Service Station & Used Car Lot

613 South Central—Hamlin



Christmas...

The magnificent promise of the Christmas story has inspired the dreams and prayers of men through the centuries. Wherever mankind kept to the spirit of brotherly love, there the meaning, the symbolic beauty of Christmas remained.

It is our fervent hope that this Christmas will bring us still closer to the fulfillment of the promise of Peace and Good Will in all lands. In this spirit we wish a Merry Christmas to all.

There's no END to savings at PIGGLY WIGGLY

"Hamlin's Finest Food Store"

Christmas Card Business Has Grown From Early Start by London Engraver

When William Maw Egley, the engraver's apprentice, created the first Christmas card in a London garret in 1842 he had no idea that just a little over 100 years later 1,500,000,000 would be exchanged in the United States alone.

This means that nearly 50,000,000 Christmas cards will be mailed every day in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

Strangely enough, the Christmas card idea was not very well received when it was introduced to the English people back in 1842. In fact, the traditional exchange of holiday greetings did not become popular at all until the 1860s and it was not until 1875 that the first American Christmas cards were offered to the public by Louis Prang, a lithographer of Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Recently the National Association of Greeting Publishers made a survey of representative Christmas card lines for 1955 and found the following conclusions:

First, that the traditional symbols are far and away the most popular. For instance, the five leading design motifs, holly and poinsettia, winter scenes, bold Merry Christmas titles, Christmas candle illustrations and Santa Claus are most popular.

Second, a tremendous upsurge in the popularity of truly reverent Christmas cards. Historically, the ones carrying scenes of the true spirit of the holy season were not introduced until many years after the first card was created.

And for a long time, the so-called religious Christmas greetings were used by a very limited number of people. To meet this new upsurge and growing demand over 300,000,000 were printed by the manufacturers.

Third, was the evidence of an entirely new trend in what might be termed novelty and whimsical Christmas cards. These feature movable gadgets, cards with sound effects and special construction to permit hanging on Christmas trees were the new ideas this year.

Fourth, showed that folks who wish to select just the right card for friends or relatives. The cards were widened this year from the wife, dad, mother, sister angle to include the boss, postman and even mothers-in-law.

Hawaiian Christmas Is Elaborate Affair Behind Closed Doors

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, homes would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges inexpensive presents. Even the servants in hotels expect and receive gifts from over-night guests.

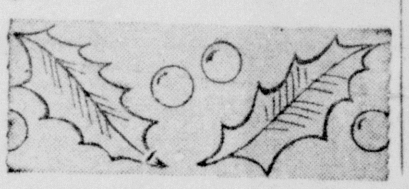


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